



MZBMP

Title: Taming the Tongue (part 1) – The Importance of Taming the Tongue.

Text: James 3:1-2

“My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.”

Pagsasalin: Mga kapatid ko, huwag maging guro ang marami sa inyo, yamang nalalaman nating hahatulan tayo ng mas mahigpit. 2 Sapagkat tayong lahat ay natitiosod sa maraming bagay. Kung ang sinuman ay hindi natitiosod sa pananalita, ito ay isang taong sakdal, may kakayahang pigilan ang buong katawan.

Introduction:

1. Chapter 3:1-12 – deals with taming the tongue. A mark of true Christian maturity.
2. Today, (vv.1-2) – The Importance of Taming the Tongue.
3. Next weeks (vv.3-6) – The Need to Tame the Tongue; (vv.7-8) The Difficulty in Taming the Tongue; The Problem with not Taming the Tongue (vv.9-12).
4. TODAY – (vv.1-2) – The Importance of Taming the Tongue.
5. This is not the first time James mentions the tongue. (1:26) – Pure Religion/Living Faith can be affected by the tongue. “bridle” – hold in check, to control, to exercise self-control, to curb, to restrain.

I. The Universality of the Uncontrolled Tongue:

- A. “My brethren” – fellow church members (saved and baptized disciples).
- B. “Be not many masters” – teachers – use their tongue for instruction; Pharisees loved to call attention to themselves (Matt. 23:6-10). Masters = teachers. Teachers mainly use their tongues to teach.
 - B.1. The NT Baptist Assembly recognizes teachers (Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 12:28).
 - B.2. The NT Baptist Assembly has one designated pastor/teacher (Eph. 4:11; Jn. 1:38).
 - B.3. This is true for all “teachers” within the NT Baptist Assembly.
 - B.4. The gift of teaching is not to be feared, it is to be respected and used.
- C. “Greater condemnation” – Matt. 7:1-3; Lk. 6:38; The Judgment Seat of Christ (Matt. 12:36). Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matt. 12:34).
- D. “We offend all” – offend = to stumble or to cause to stumble. We are all sinners – we must extend grace to all. James includes himself in the “Master-Teacher” crowd with the potential to offend and commit sins of the tongue.
- E. Self-justifiers are self-deceived.
- F. Let us learn to be more severe in judging ourselves than others.

II. The Description of the Man Who Controls His Tongue:

- A. “Offend not in word” – Be careful of your speech.
 1. If I say something and it offended you – please forgive me.
 2. If I say what the Word of God says and it offends you – get right with God.
- B. “A perfect man” – spiritually mature man. (this person acts on principles not emotions)
- C. “Able also to bridle the whole body” – (1:26 – to bridle the tongue, is to bridle (control) the whole body).

Conclusion:

1. Pastor James is arguing for the wise use or the taming of the tongue.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is the best example of a tamed tongue (1 Pet. 2:21-23).
3. Let us learn (study) to speak with a spirit of humility and that of a learner.
4. Can the tongue be tamed? – Yes! But not by the flesh but by the Spirit. He is the Spirit of wisdom (Ex. 28:9; Deut. 34:9; Isa. 11:2; Eph. 1:17). We must yield ourselves to God and ask His Spirit to help us tame our tongue - we have mighty spiritual weapons (not carnal) (2 Cor. 10:3-5).