2Thess #185

Sins of the Tongue

Open up in James chapter three RF.

Keep in mind I am away this weekend, no class on Sunday.

I’ll be back on-line by Tuesday; March 4th and we also do the Lord’s Supper as well.

We will close out this study of the busybody with a deeper looking into the sins of the tongue.

Now in the book of James, we see one of the earliest epistles in the NT.

This is the half brother of the Lord Jesus Christ. He came to believe upon TLJC after the resurrection.

Most of the family and friends of our LORD did not believe upon HIM during His earthy ministry, not until after the resurrected appearances.

James was basically ordained under the apostles and handed the Jerusalem church which was predominately Jewish.

Large portions of the epistle of James was written to Jewish Bels who were falling back into legalism and a lot of the scriptures are written in a command form…in the imperative mood.

This was a time the Sanhedrin were really on the war path to stomp out Christianity…the people of the way.

This was at time of great frustration for the Jewish leadership and the Romans as well, because instead of fading away, Christianity was actually spreading like wild fire.

James begins with a strong command right in verse one.

Jam 3:1 Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers, since you know that we *who are teachers* will incur a stricter judgment.

/The problem at this point is reflected in Christianity today as well, too many Chiefs and not enough Indians. Many of the Jewish converts with knowledge of the LAW, were trying to teach and proclaim leadership roles. It is never a matter of scholarships and degrees. Because the gift of pastor-teacher is given by Christ. Once the gift is recognized then it becomes a responsibility for that MAN to study to exhaustion.\

One of the reasons true doctrinal teachers lack support, is because there is a church on every corner and eager men and women, with intellect and charm believe they are called into leadership of a ministry.

The gift of pastor is held to a higher standard which means they will incur greater discipline in the end, if they are not academically honest and even worse, they had no business behind a pulpit in the first place.

Pastor James had men popping up around Jerusalem and even in his own congregation with great human wisdom, yet they did not have the gift of pastor-teacher. This usurps the authority of the chosen man of God.

[/Jas 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/2/s_1149002) **For we all stumble in many *ways.*** **If anyone does not stumble in what he says**, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well.

IF – first class condition, this is true, The Lord Jesus Christ (humanity), was the only perfect one. We as CA Bels have periods of maturity, where we can reflect our LORD.\

What you will note in these next scriptures is that the tongue when it is under control, is a sign of maturity because that Bel will have greater authority of the OSN.

Yet the tongue out of control is a guarantee that the OSN is already in control.

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[/Jas 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/3/s_1149003) Now **if we put the bits into the horses’ mouths**so that they will obey us, we direct their whole body as well.

The horse bit is the smallest part of the harness and yet it is the controlling element of a powerful animal. The Christian who is heading into maturity is no longer plagued by sins of the tongue.\

The smallest part can do the most damage, or the most good!

This does not mean sinless perfection - it does mean the Bel has risen above allowing their OSN to take dominance in their life.

[Jas 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/4/s_1149004) Look at the ships too: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are *nevertheless* directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot determines.

The ship is a reference to the physical body of the Believer. The strong winds are the ways of the world all around us each day. Be careful how you react and what you say in your daily life.

/The smallest part often gets overlooked and when it comes to the sins of the tongue, it is symbolic for the OSN in control. Bible Doctrine resident in a soul ensures the sins of the tongue lessen over time, when they increase it is a symptom of BD either lacking or being ignored. The greater your soul structure is built up with doctrine; the less chance sins of the tongue will trip you up.\

James gives wonderful examples of the fact that the smallest parts can lead to the biggest problems in life.

Just one bad habit never addressed, or one bad decision never recovered from, can eventually lead to a truck load of problems later in life.

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[Jas 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/5/s_1149005) So also the tongue is a small part *of the body,* and *yet* it boasts of great things.See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

One small spark can start a forest fire!

Our tongue, especially in recognition of the sins of the tongue is a hot match in a dry field.

[/Jas 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/6/s_1149006) And **the tongue is a fire**, the *very* world of **unrighteousness**; the **tongue is set among our body’s parts as that which defiles the whole body** and sets on fire the course of *our* life, and is **set on fire by hell**.

It is the Edification Complex of the Soul, built by accurate and consistent BD that keeps the fiery tongue under authority.\

Never forget you are the contractor of your own soul…what are you building in that soul structure…the soul GOD gave to you out of HIS grace plan?

/Jam 3:6 - *that which defiles*; *spiloō,* which means to stain and make a spot on something or someone. Literally and figuratively, you put a stain upon someone else, it may be a stain of shame or a stain of guilt. It may be a stain of misery, or deep sorrow.\

SPILL-OT-OH, this Greek verb is very definitive that you use your tongue to mark somebody – such as a stain everyone else can now see, or perhaps a stain that person now feels every day.

[Jas 3:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/7/s_1149007) For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.

[Jas 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/8/s_1149008) But no one among mankind can tame the tongue; *it is* a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

It is as if, James is highlighting the fact that the sins of the tongue encompass a large portion of the sin problems we see in the world today.

/One angry word, or a callous sentence can bring incredible damage to a loving relationship. One fiery comment can set a business, family or a congregation into flames. Sins of the tongue are like slow moving poison in a relationship. Be careful what you say, when frustration or anger have ignited, it may inject doubt and pain in an otherwise loving relationship. Words are impossible to take back once they fly outward.\

Sometimes, one lie can destroy a relationship.

[Jas 3:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/9/s_1149009) With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the likeness of God;

The same tongue we praise GOD with and sing joyfully with, is the same tongue we use to belittle and criticize or gossip about others.

Sadly, sometimes in the same day.

[Jas 3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/10/s_1149010) from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brothers *and sisters,* these thingsshould not be this way.

[Jas 3:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/11/s_1149011) Does a spring send out from the same opening *both* fresh and bitter *water?*

[Jas 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/3/12/s_1149012) Can a fig tree, my brothers *and sisters,* bear olives, or a vine *bear* figs? Nor *can* salt water produce fresh.

/The Fruit of the Spirit is either divine good or it is damaged goods. We are either in the SPIRIT or in the flesh at any given moment. A growing Christian brings forth divine good more often than human works. They speak and act as a refreshing supply of truth for those in their periphery. How you touch the lives of others matters. Whether they are a server at the restaurant, the pastor or president, a homeless individual or a celebrity, we are on the stage of the angelic conflict.\

The difference between a known and unknown sin is awareness of the divine law (Bible doctrine), coming from a deeper understanding of the plan of GOD.

/All Christians are held accountable to understand the plan of GOD after a period of crossing the salvation gate, part of that is an awareness of sin. Ignorance of this does not hold weight after a Bel begins to grow. All sin, combines the function of the old sin nature’s area of weakness with human volition. All humanity is born in sin because of the first Adam.\

Let us close in the OT – Proverbs six RF.

No one escapes the powerful grip of the OSN. It literally is woven in the DNA of humanity.

We are all born spiritually dead!

That is the perfect plan of GOD the FATHER from eternity past.

Therefore, the only way to be removed from the slave market of sin is by the person and work of Jesus Christ. The person who earnestly, turns to Christ as Lord and Savior has been rescued for all of eternity.

Personal sin is different than imputed sin of the OSN.

/There are three categories of personal sin: 1. Mental sins such as envy, pride, arrogance, jealousy, bitterness, vindictiveness, hatred, etc.

2. Verbal sins such as gossip, slander, maligning, judging, lying, etc.

3. Overt sins such as adultery, murder, stealing, drunkenness, etc.\

This means that all sins originate from the OSN and are activated by a free will decision of human volition. Our free will, we know as human volition is involved in all sins.

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Sin is sin – it doesn’t matter of it is a white lie or a bank robbery. Out of the list of sins we can research in scripture, it is interesting that out of the seven worst sins, three of the worst are sins of the tongue —

/Prov 6:16 There are six things that the LORD hates, Seven that are an abomination to Him: 17Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

The first is an arrogant nature, the second is a lying tongue…then comes murder! \

I can guarantee you, most legalistic people, would have a different order and probably a different list if you ask them about listing sins.

/[Pro 6:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/pro/6/18/s_634018) A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false witness *who* declares lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

A false witness and one who spreads problems among others.\

Sins of the tongue are in the top seven sins listed in the bible.

Verbal sins are often a sign of reversionism. Verbal sins are always motivated by mental attitude sins.

Sins of the mental attitude which motivate sins of the tongue are usually pride, jealousy, bitterness, vindictiveness, implacability, hatred, pettiness …etc. etc.

/The sins of the tongue produce compounded discipline. First, there is discipline for the mental attitude sins, then there is discipline for the verbal sins. Then many times, the mental and verbal bring forth physical actions of sin. Often times the person who is the victim of the sins of the tongue, are protected. As any discipline that they actually may have coming, bounces backward upon the perpetrator. \

Sometimes the judgement for that sin it is transferred to the one who judges.

Let me give you fair warning about attacking a mature Believer as well;

/God protects the super-grace Believer from many attacks, like verbal sins —

Job 5:19. “In six troubles He will save you; Even in seven, evil will not touch you. 20 “In famine He will redeem you from death, and in war, from the power of the sword. 21 “You will be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, And you will not be afraid of violence when it comes.\

/Trouble makers, or those who may bring problems and strife are easily recognizable by their sins of the tongue, stay clear of them;

Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brothers *and sisters,* keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances  contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

 (Psalm 52) \

Christians can have blessings and protection from the avoidance of the sins of the tongue.

/The Bel who matures enough to gain control over sins of the tongue brings blessings into their life;

Psalm 34:11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 Who is the person who desires life And loves *length of* days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit. \

Sometimes that which you keep speaking forth brings in the exact energy you are speaking on…whether good or evil.

/Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Mat 12:35 “The good person brings out of *his* good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of his evil treasure evil things. 36 “But I tell you that *for* every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on *the* day of judgment.\

Nothing goes unseen or unheard by the TRIUNE God we serve.

/Prov 12:19 Truthful lips will endure forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Prov 19:9 A false witness will not go unpunished, And one who declares lies will perish.\