



MZBMP

Title: Taming the Tongue (part 2) – The Need to Tame the Tongue.

Text: James 3:3-6

“3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.”

Pagsasalin: 3 Kung tayo nga'y naglalagay ng mga preno sa bibig ng mga kabayo upang sumunod sila sa atin, ibinabaling natin ang kanilang buong katawan. 4 Tingnan ninyo ang mga barko: bagama't napakalalaki at itinutulak ng malalakas na hangin, gayunma'y napapabaling sa pamamagitan ng isang napakaliit na timon saanman naisin ng piloto. 5 Gayundin naman, ang dila ay isang maliit na bahagi ngunit nagyayabang ng malalaking bagay. Tingnan ninyo kung paanong sinusunog ng maliit na apoy ang malalaking gubat! 6 At ang dila'y isang apoy. Ang dila na kasama ng ating mga sangkap ay isang sanlibutan ng kasamaan. Dinudungisan nito ang buong katawan, at sinusunog ang pag-inog ng kalikasan, at ito mismo ay sinusunog ng impiyerno.”

Introduction:

1. Little things (like the tongue) can have such far-reaching effects.
2. The little tongue can have such potential for usefulness or destruction.
3. Here Pastor James uses three illustrations to demonstrate the need to tame (or control) the tongue.

I. The Horse's Bit (v.3) –

- A. A bit is a small device
- B. But it controls a large animal many times larger than a bit.
- C. A controlled tongue, controls the entire body. (Internal control)

II. A Ship's Rudder (v.4) – “a very small helm”

- A. A ship's small and hidden device – a rudder.
- B. But it controls a large vessel many times larger than a rudder.
- C. A controlled tongue, controls the entire body. (External control – despite the “fierce winds.”)
- D. (v.5) – the tongue is a little but powerful bodily member.

III. Fire (vv.5-6)

- A. Fire under control is a big help.
- B. Fire not under control is destructive.
- C. The tongue is a world of iniquity – THE WORLD
- D. The tongue is among our members – THE FLESH – it can defile the whole body (Matt. 5:11; Eph. 4:29; 5:4).
- E. The tongue is set on (Gehenna – place of rubbish and torments – Matt. 5:22; Mk. 9:48) – like THE DEVIL.

Conclusion:

1. Pastor James is teaching us that the tongue can be used by the WORLD, the FLESH, and the DEVIL.
2. There is a need to yield our tongue not to these three adversaries but instead – to The HOLY SPIRIT. (Romans 6:12-13).