



MZBMP

Title: Taming the Tongue (part 4) – The Inconsistency of the Uncontrolled Tongue (Ang Salungat na Dila).

Text: James 3:9-12

“Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.”

Pagsasalin: 9 Sa pamamagitan nito ay pinupuri natin ang Diyos, na siyang Ama, at sa pamamagitan nito ay nilalait natin ang mga taong ginawa ayon sa larawan ng Diyos. 10 Mula sa iisang bibig ay lumalabas ang pagpupuri at panlalait. Mga kapatid ko, hindi dapat maging ganito. 11 Ang isang bukal ba ay binubukalan ng matamis at mapait? 12 Mga kapatid ko, maaari ba na ang puno ng igos ay magbunga ng olibo, o ng mga igos ang puno ng ubas? Hindi rin maaaring daluyan ng maalat na tubig at ng sariwa.

Introduction:

1. The best use of the tongue is to glorify God BUT the same member (body part) curses man (v.9).
2. James gets very specific in this section.
3. Because the Jerusalem Baptist church members were both praising God and cursing man – their tongue was exposing their hypocritical worship.

I. The Inconsistent Worship: (v.9)

- A. Blessing God. (Eph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3) – to bless (to eulogize) to say something nice and favorable about someone. In this case, about God.
 - A.1. God is God. He is sovereign and almighty.
 - A.2. God is the Father. Christians are to be sons of God (characteristically like their Heavenly Father). He is loving and compassionate.
- B. Cursing Man.
 - B.1. Man was made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:4-8).
 - B.2. Man is ruined by sin and the fall but is still bearing the image of God and is to be respected. James is also capable of this sin – hence “we.”

II. The Inconsistent Fountain: (v.10-11) – two descriptions:

- A. (v.10) – When does this happen – in sudden and bitter controversies. (cf. 1:20). Words spoken in anger.
- B. “these things OUGHT not so to be” – the royal law is love – we are to love God, and love our brethren and love all mankind.
- C. Two natural illustrations:
 - C.1. (v.11) Spring water. (Pure and refreshing)
 - C.2. (v.12) Fig tree, olive, and grape vine. (horticulture). Fruit trees bear only after it’s kind.

Conclusion:

1. In Nature water fountains yields water after its kind. AND the same with fruit trees. BUT NOT the tongue.
2. The Lord Jesus explains the importance of observing fruit – Matt. 7:16.
3. Our tongues can be instruments of righteousness or instruments of sin.
4. Will you yield yourself to the Spirit of God to control you (your tongue)?
5. Study how to respond – prayerfully and Scripturally.