

From the Pastor's Desk

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Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

James 3:9

Have you ever considered the value of speech? What a wonderful gift communication is.

Just to be able to articulate thought and ideas, desires, and dreads. In the Bible there are many verses that discuss the subject.

Our text is taken from a chapter which is mostly taken up with this subject. It is by in large dealing with the negative aspects of communication, which is the tongue. He refers to the tongue as a powerful force in the world but a small weak member of the body that is untamable. Let us notice some truth that we discover in this text.

I. There is great responsibility placed upon the one that teaches.

It is important to give and to receive instructions. God gave us instructions and we must receive them and instruct others but take heed that what you teach is what God gave. There is the accountability to God and a great responsibility that God holds the teacher to. Teachers are to be sure that they pass on that that is according to sound doctrine.

II. The tongue is destructive, so be cautious.

An uncontrolled tongue can set on fire the course of nature. Wars have been started by the slip of the tongue. Many lives have been devastated and lost by the poor use of words. Nations have been divided through unwise council. Families have been torn through the slight of unkind words never to be repaired. *So be careful, little tongue, what you say!*

III. It has unnatural characteristics.

The tongue on one hand sings beautifully wonderful word of adoration and praise to God. Then the next moment in a fit of rage can blaspheme against that most noble name. James refers to a fountain that cannot produce fresh water.

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