

JAMES 3

1 **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.**

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.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is **tamed**, and hath been **tamed** of mankind:

8 But the tongue **can no** man **tame**; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 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.

13 ¶ Who is a **wise** man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a **good** conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter **envying and strife** in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 **This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.**

16 For where **envying and strife** is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the **wisdom** that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and **good** fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.