

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

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 - Misuse of Wisdom... 3:13-18
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Starting a new thought...

- From Abraham/Rahab model...faith/works
- Now we look at misuse of “faith-works” ...
- A warning to *didaskalos* – teachers... (see 13)
 - “stop becoming many teachers”
 - Ac 13:1; 1Co 12:28; Ep 4:11 – important gifting...
 - Attempting to teach what you do not understand/live
 - Greater *krima* – condemnation, be careful!
 - Pretended knowledge adds to the sentence (ATR)
 - James counted himself as a teacher (we shall)
 - Teachers involve the use of the tongue...

Tongue issues

- *ptaio* (5x) – stumble, fall, offend
 - Ro 11:11; Ja 2:10; 2Pt 1:10 & 2x here...
 - James includes himself here also (we)
 - We can fail God in many different areas/ways
 - A great test of our growth is how we handle our mouth
 - “perfect man” *teleios aner...* also “husband!”
 - “The wife is at liberty to test her husband by this rule of the tongue.” ATR!!!!
 - Control this and control you whole body! (*soma*)
 - *chalinagogeo* (2x, 1:26) – Pr 13:3; 1Pt 3:10; Mt 12:34-37; 2Co 10:3-5 (imagination, thoughts)

It all starts small... 2 examples

- Horses weigh... 850 - 3,000 lbs!
 - How much does a bit weigh???
 - Horses can be made to do amazing things...
- Ships – tons of wood or metal!!!
 - The rudder can make it spin!!!
 - All at the impulse of the steersman
- Who holds/controls our reigns/rudder???
 - When the tongue is controlled...
 - How can we do this? Pr 16:23; Mt 12:34; 15:18; Lk 6:45; Ro 10:8-10; Ps 19:14; Dt 30:14

Application of small things... (5)

- The tongue – not a big part of the body...
 - Boasting – *megalaucheo*, 1x – stressing the “me”
 - “*What-sized fire kindles what-sized forest?*”
 - words, rumors, talebearing, sharp, cutting remarks:
 - marriages destroyed
 - children disturbed
 - friendships damaged
 - reputations ruined
 - wars fought
 - fights aroused