



Outline - Sunday, April 23, 2017

Sermon Title: "The Tongue, Our Glory Or Shame"

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-10

1. **The Greater *condemnation* of the teacher:** vs 1 – (Mark 12:38-40)
 - a. They edify and build – 1 Cor 14:3, 26/2 Cor 10:8-13:10 – (Acts 4:11)
 - b. Tear down and destroy – Prov 9:1; 14:1/1 Tim 1:4
 - c. False doctrine/wicked behavior – Luke 12:42 – (48) more stripes

2. **A confession and commitment to a controlled tongue:** vs 2
 - a. There is not one natural man who can do it – Eccl 7:29/2 Chron 6:36
 - b. The frequent stumbling of the tongue – revisited – 1:19, 26 – unbridled (**WE factor**)
 - c. Only Christ was able to *bridle His tongue* – 1 Tim 6:3 – (No guile) what meekness/virtue

3. **"Behold, Behold" the small (thing) that controls and destroys:** vs 3-5
 - a. A bit for the beast – Ps 32:9 – Power to do good/evil – (plod – plow – Is 32:20 – war)
 - b. A governor for the ships – Acts 27:4 – (rudder – blade)
 - c. A tongue vigorously observed – James 3:5a, b/Ps 141:1-5 (3) "Thoughtful speakers"

4. **A fiery member can destroy the Church:** vs 6-8
 - a. A world of iniquity – defilement – conflagration – Gen 3:1-2
 - b. Controlled by the fallen nature – Matt 15:18-19/Jer 17:9
 - c. Leading to Hell – Matt 12:36

5. **Christ was silent and silenced for our offenses:** James 3:13
 - a. Muted as an *unbeliever* – Rom 3:19/Mark 15:3-5/Is 53:7
 - b. Silent as our *sin bearer* – Ps 39:1-2 – (38:13)
 - c. Submissive as the *Father's wisdom – and foolishness:* – (Eccl 3:7b; 8:5)/Prov 26:3