

THE TONGUE
(James 3)

- I. Is possible to sin with our tongues.
 - A. David prayed that it might not happen. Ps 39:1
 - B. If we have pure tongues we are perfect. Jas 3:2

- II. Why is the tongue so important?
 - A. Played a role in the very first sin. Gen 3:1-6 Satan lied.
 - B. Most sins have the tongue involved in some way.
 - C. Our tongues can justify or condemn us. Mt 12:36
 - D. Our tongues show the type of people we are. Mt 12:34-35, Prov 15:4
 - E. Our speech manifests our heart. Jas 3:8-12
 - F. Our tongue affects our every day living.
 1. with family.
 2. with friends.
 3. Jobs and school.
 - G. Our tongues are powerful.
 1. can build up.
 2. can destroy.
 3. can praise God or curse Him.
 4. can help man or hurt him.

- III. Wise words are beautiful.
 - A. Prov 25:11
 - B. Prov 10:20
 - C. Prov 21:23
 - D. Ps 34:12

- IV. The tongues may be used in spreading God's word.
 - A. God's power is found in the gospel. Rom 1:16
 - B. Pleased God to save others by preaching. I Cor 1:21

Conclusion:

May we ever keep our tongue and control it so that we may use it in praise to the almighty God of heaven.