

INTRODUCTION

- * Three weeks ago we began to consider that ultimate expression of truly comprehending that God is the giver of every good gift and every perfect bestowment will be: that we will want to BE doers of His Word and not hearers-only; we will want to Receive, Apply, Study and Continue in - the Perfect Law of Liberty. That Perfect Law of Liberty is our call to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- * Two weeks ago we began to consider how James applied this truth within the realm of our practical theology ... how we live out what we believe.
- * First we considered James exhortation regarding Loving without Partiality. Last week, we considered how True Faith will be revealed in True Works - such that faith without works is dead.
- * Today, we want to consider James' teaching regarding the importance of words revealed in three different aspects.

INSTRUCTION

I. REVEALED IN THE EX_____ TO TEACHERS (v. 1)

A. The A_____:

- * cf. Matthew 23:8-10; ... Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Timothy 2:7; Romans 2:20-21

B. The A_____:

1. THE WORDING ... judgment (κρίνω) NOT condemnation (κατακρίνω)
 - * cf. John 3:16-19; 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - * cf. Matt 12:41-42; 20:18; John 8:10-11; Romans 2:1-3; 8:1-4; 14:22-23; 1 Cor 11:31-32
2. THE WARNING (cf. Ezekiel 3:17-18; 33:7-9; 1 Corinthians 4:2-5; Luke 12:47-48; Matthew 5:14-30; Hebrews 13:17)

C. The A_____:

1. THE NEED FOR HUMILITY (cf. 1 Corinthians 8:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:5-7; 6:3-4; Proverbs 26:12)
2. THE NEED FOR DILIGENCE
 - a. As One Giving Instruction (cf. 2 Timothy 2:15-18; Acts 20: 18-21, 27-32)
 - b. As One Receiving Instruction (cf. 2 Timothy 4:3-4; 2 Peter 2:1-3)

II. REVEALED IN THE EX_____ FROM NATURE (v. 2-8)

A. Horses (v. 2-3)

B. Ships (v. 4-5a)

C. Wildfires (v. 5-6)

D. Wildlife (v. 7-9)

1. THE D_____ OF WILDLIFE
2. THE D_____ OF THE TONGUE (Deuteronomy 32:3; Psalm 55:21; 57:4; 58:4; 59:7; 64:3-4; 140:3)

III. REVEALED IN THE EX_____ OF OUR MOUTHS (v. 9-12)

A. The I_____ of a Disparate Mouth! (v. 9-10)

1. THE EXPLANATION
2. THE EXCLAMATION

B. The I_____ from Nature (v. 11-12)

1. THE ANALOGY OF WATER (cf. John 4:6,14; 2 Peter 2:17; Rev 7:1; 8:10; 14:7; 16:4; 21:6)
2. THE ANALOGY OF FRUITCULTURE

C. The I_____ from God's Word

- * Matthew 12:33-37; ... Ephesians 4:29-30; Colossians 3:16-17; 4:6; ... Prov 10:20-21; 12:18,25; 13:14; 15:1-2, 4, 7; 16:21, 23-24; 25:11-12

INTROSPECTION

- * How would God describe the "spring" of your mouth? What comes from "the abundance of [your] heart?"
- * Are you starting fires ... or helping to quench them?
- * Are you influencing and instructing others in ways that are edificational or destructive?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we help one another in this area of our use of "words"?
- * How do our "electronic" communications add extra significance to this topic?