



Godly Words

JAMES 3: 1-12

A SOBERING PROHIBITION

“Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgement.”

A REMARKABLE PROMISE

“For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle his whole body as well.”

- *“stumble”* – sin
- *“perfect”* - mature

THREE GRAPHIC PICTURES (vs 3-6)

- *A horse*
- *A ship*
- *A fire*

“world of iniquity”

“defiles the entire body”

“set on fire by hell (Gehenna)”

A TROUBLING PROBLEM

“For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren these things ought not (strong words here) to be this way.”

A FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE

“Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.”

Jesus - “The mouth speaks out of what fills the heart” (Matt 12:34)



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