

We shall never know the fullness of God's forgiveness until we see the fullness of our sin. "For now we see in a mirror dimly" (1 Cor 13.12) applies to us individually as we view our sin. At the Judgment we shall know the fullness of our sin that we would know fully the immense cost of our sin upon Jesus; in this surely our need for Him and our love for Him will be further magnified.

SESSION 13
JAMES 3. 6-12

In the previous session, James introduced us to the truth that authentic faith must not only be evidenced by works wrought in Christ but by speech that honors Christ, necessitating the Holy Spirit's control of the tongue. In this session we shall plumb the depths of the darkness and dire consequences of having an unbridled tongue providing us immense motivation to surrender our tongues to the Spirit's control.

V6 How is the tongue like a fire?

What do you think James means when he presents the tongue as "an unrighteous world among our members"?

How does the tongue unbridled stain the whole body?

Jer17.9

Mt 12.34b-37

What do you think James means when he states that the tongue "sets on fire the whole cycle of nature"?

Individuals all throughout history take up their positions within humanity and speak the words from Hell: words of lust, suspicion, envy, rivalry, hatred, war, arrogance, slander, words that are demeaning and disparaging, words that hurt and cripple others and serve to alienate them and humiliate them.

What does James ultimately conclude about the tongue?

Gr Gehenna derives from Hb Gehinnom =Valley of Hinnom

V 7-8 What is the irony that James presents in these verses?

Gen 1.26

Gen 9.2

What does the descriptor "restless evil" bring to mind?

What is the essence of the “deadly poison” of which James speaks?

V 9-12 What is the truth about man presented in these verses?

What is the example presented to us from creation?

In light of this study highlighting the dangerous nature of the tongue, what are we to do?

Eph 4. 22-25

Eph 4.15

Eph 4. 29

Col 3.16

Ps 34.13 (inside)

Ps 141.3 (outside)