

James 3

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3 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. (Judgment begins at the pulpit. You had better know and understand God's Word if you plan to teach others; or else you can mislead people into losing their souls)

²For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. (perfect= mature) (If you can discipline your tongue, you can discipline the whole body)

(If you teach God's Word, teach it unchanged only. Do not add to it, or remove from it. No one wants to hear sermons written by preachers)

³Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. (Keep your mouth bridled. Teach God's Word, not your opinion. Don't listen to any preacher who offers his or her doctrine instead of God's Word)

⁴Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. (One false teaching can easily lead many people to fail. False teaching spreads among people like a wild fire)

⁵Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! (A small tongue can lead many if it sticks to God's Word, unchanged; or it can lead many to error if it goes into the teacher's opinions and imagination)

⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. (Gossip and false teachings)

NOTE: (James was already warning people not to listen to false teaching. This Book was written 12 years after the crucifixion of Jesus. False teaching by fake preachers had already started and was spreading like wild fire. Paul also warned about this in all of his letters)

⁷For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

⁸ But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (We can tame almost anything, except our own tongue)

NOTES: (Look at many preachers, today. Many have corrupted God's Word with traditions of men – like celebrating Easter, instead of teaching Passover; like teaching rapture doctrine, instead of teaching people to stand against antichrist in the end days to help others see the light of God's truth)

(There are even homosexual preachers in churches, teaching that homosexuality is a lifestyle. Look what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah. That should tell them something)

⁹ Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. (We can have righteous indignation in order to be able to discern evil when we see it. We must also speak out against evil so that others might see the light and repent. But we are not qualified judge anyone to hell or to heaven. God is the judge)

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. (That's called double mindedness. Try to avoid doing that. Stand for one side or the other)

¹¹ Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? (No; it's one or the other)

¹² Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. (Your works are the result of your beliefs; or in this case, of your faith)

¹³ Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. (Don't try to impress people with your knowledge. Teach them at their own pace, and always give the credit to God. The preacher is only the reader. The Word belongs to God)

¹⁴ But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. (God's Word is the truth)

¹⁵ This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. (These are false teaching, traditions of men. Strife, envy, ego, lust, avarice come from man, not from God)

¹⁶ For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. (Envy and ego were Satan's undoing in the First Age. Don't repeat the foolishness that he did)

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. (That is how you can tell that you are hearing the truth of God's Word. It is easy to understand and gives you peace of mind and spiritual comfort)

¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. (Christianity sows peace, knowledge and wisdom. Christians only teach the people that want to learn. We don't force our beliefs on unwilling others)

NOTE: (Islam is a cult. It sows the seeds of hatred; and the conquering or the subduing of the "non-believers" <infidels>. That includes Christians and Jews. If someone tried to leave Islam, they are killed as "traitors". Their "prophet" was a murderer and a robber of caravans. Don't let Muslims tell you that Islam is just another religion, like Christianity. It's not)