

## Scriptures 9/12/2021

### James 3:1 - 12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup>We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

<sup>3</sup>When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup>Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup>Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, <sup>8</sup>but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup>With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. <sup>11</sup>Can both fresh water and salt<sup>£</sup> water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup>My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

## Proverbs 1:20 - 33

20 Wisdom calls aloud in the street,  
she raises her voice in the public squares;  
21 at the head of the noisy streets<sup>£</sup> she cries out,  
in the gateways of the city she makes her speech:  
22 “How long will you simple ones<sup>£</sup> love your simple ways?  
How long will mockers delight in mockery  
and fools hate knowledge?  
23 If you had responded to my rebuke,  
I would have poured out my heart to you  
and made my thoughts known to you.  
24 But since you rejected me when I called  
and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand,  
25 since you ignored all my advice  
and would not accept my rebuke,  
26 I in turn will laugh at your disaster;  
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—  
27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm,  
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,  
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.  
28 “Then they will call to me but I will not answer;  
they will look for me but will not find me.  
29 Since they hated knowledge  
and did not choose to fear the LORD,  
30 since they would not accept my advice  
and spurned my rebuke,  
31 they will eat the fruit of their ways  
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.  
32 For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,  
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;  
33 but whoever listens to me will live in safety  
and be at ease, without fear of harm.”

## Mark 8:27 - 38

<sup>27</sup>Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

<sup>28</sup>They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

<sup>29</sup>“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Christ. ●”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup>But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save his life ● will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”