

Sermon Title: "The Transgressing Tongue"

Sermon Text: James 3:1-12

Sermon Outline:

I. The Heretical Tongue (1)

II. The Hellish Tongue (2-8)

A. It's a Universal Problem (2)

B. It's an Underestimated Power (3-6)

C. It's an Unruly Poison (7-8)

III. The Hypocritical Tongue (9-12)

Questions:

1. Discuss how to find the harmony between James 3:1 and Heb. 5:12-14. Why should we be cautious before we teach others?
2. Everyone at some point stumbles in their speech. Why is the tongue so hard to control?
3. The tongue's power is devastating. Discuss how sinful speech can destroy.
4. We must maintain ceaseless vigilance over our tongues. What are some practical helps to enable us to do this?
5. The tongue is capable of incredible contradiction. Why do we feel so comfortable running our brothers and sisters down after having praised God? How can we break this habit?