

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH – 10:15AM

Wise Words: The Damaging Potential of the Tongue James 3:5b-8a

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- James 3:5b-8a – Today we continue part two of a three week focus on Wise Words from James 1:1-12. Last week we considered the useful power of the tongue from verses 1-5a. Today we will hear what James says regarding the damaging potential of the tongue from verses 5b-8a.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life,^[a] and set on fire by hell.^[b] ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue.

WORDS OF PRAISE TO THE SUFFICIENT CHRIST

Congregational Song: All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, No legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house, In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, Tell me, what is your life?
A mist, it vanishes at dawn, All glory be to Christ.

*All glory be to Christ our King,
All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ.*

His will be done, His kingdom come, On earth as is above.
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living waters satisfy the thirsty without price.
Come eat of Him, our Living Bread, all glory be to Christ.

*All glory be to Christ our King,
All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ.*

When on the day, the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain, Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us, And be our steadfast Light,
And we shall e'er his people be, All glory be to Christ.

*All glory be to Christ our King,
All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ.*

Congregational Song: Christ is Sufficient:

Nothing I've done could merit God's grace;
Nothing I'll do can take it away.
I have one hope, in life and death:
I have been clothed in Christ's righteousness.

*Christ is sufficient! His work is finished!
He is my faith's Author and End;
Christ is enough—my Savior and Friend!*

Nothing remains since Jesus has died;
Justice was paid; the Judge satisfied.
Great is my sin; greater His love;
I have been cleansed with Calvary's blood!

*Christ is sufficient! His work is finished!
He is my faith's Author and End;
Christ is enough—my Savior and Friend!*

Nothing I've sought on earth satisfies;
I was designed to thirst after Christ.
Beckoned by Him, "Drink and be filled."
I am content, yet yearn for Him still.

*Christ is sufficient! His work is finished!
He is my faith's Author and End;
Christ is enough—my Savior and Friend!*

Nothing but Christ can undo the Fall.
He will return to reign over all.
Come to us, Lord; right ev'ry wrong;
Soon the redeemed will join heaven's song.

*Christ is sufficient! His work is finished!
He is my faith's Author and End;
Christ is enough—my Savior and Friend!*

WORDS OF CONFIDENCE BEFORE THE THRONE OF GRACE

Scripture on the privilege of prayer through the work of our Great High Priest

Hebrews 4:14 -5:10 [Pastor Joel]

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

*“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;*

⁶ as he says also in another place,

*“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus^[a] offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Congregational Song: Before the Throne of God Above [Sing all 3 stanzas – stand to sing]

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect Plea
A great high priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangable I am
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Instrumental Song of meditation: Bow the Knee [Kelsey Shay-Flores]

What a privilege to come into God's presence,
Just to linger with the One who set me free.
As I lift my eyes and see His awesome glory.
I remember who He is and bow the knee.

*Bow the knee. Bow the knee.
He is King of all the ages bow the knee.
God alone on His throne,
See Him high and lifted up
And bow the knee.
Kneel before Him. All adore Him
As you live to love Him more
Bow the knee.*

In His hands He holds the power of creation.
With His voice He spoke, and all things came to be.
Yet He hears each simple prayer I bring before Him.
When I humbly seek His face
And bow the knee

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He is King of all the ages bow the knee.
God alone on His throne,
See Him high and lifted up
And bow the knee.
Kneel before Him. All adore Him
As you live to love Him more
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Children 3-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

WISE WORDS: THE DAMAGING POTENTIAL OF THE TONGUE

Message: *Wise Words: The Damaging Potential of the Tongue* (James 3:5-8a) [Pastor Steve]

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life,^[a] and set on fire by hell.^[b] ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea

creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers,^[a] these things ought not to be so.¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Congregational Response: Change my Heart O God

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.

Announcements: [Pastor Bernie]

Tonight 6:00pm in Auditorium – Singspiration – opportunity for favorites and testimonies

Next Sunday, October 17th

- Quarterly Progress Meeting following morning service
- Teen Fall Activity – 3:00-8:15pm

Sunday, October 24th – Baptism service

Sunday November 7th – Luke and Anna Tanis Commissioning Service

Closing Prayer: [Pastor Bernie]