

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

*Genuine Faith*

II THE DISTINCTIVES OF GENUINE FAITH - James 1:19 - 5:6

LESSON 6 - Faith Controls the Tongue - James 3:1-12

KEY VERSE

*With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God (James 3:9).*

PONDER<sup>2</sup>

READ James 3:1-12.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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THE UNTAMABLE TONGUE

READ James 3:1-12.

1. Why does James warn against having many teachers (vv. 1, 2a)? \_\_\_\_\_

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LOOK DEEPER

Who is the believers' Teacher? How will He teach you?

Psalms 32:8 \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 23:8-10 \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> Genuine: authentic, real.

<sup>2</sup> PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

<sup>3</sup> stumble - Greek *ptaio* to trip: offend, to err, sin, fall of salvation.

John 14:26 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How is the *perfect man*<sup>4</sup> described (James 3:2b)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How is an untamed horse made to obey (James 3:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How are ships, driven by fierce winds, turned to do what the pilot desires (v. 4)? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. DESCRIBE the tongue and the evil it causes (vv. 5, 6)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What sets the tongue on fire? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Every beast, bird, reptile and creature of the sea can be tamed<sup>5</sup> by man. Why can no man tame the tongue (vv. 7, 8)?

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7. What are the two ways that man uses his tongue (v. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_

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In whose similitude<sup>6</sup> was man made whom man curses? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>4</sup> *perfect man* - Greek *teleios* complete: in labor; growth, mental and moral character; spiritual maturity.

<sup>5</sup> tamed - Greek *damazo* to tame: to curb, restrain.

<sup>6</sup> similitude - Greek *homiosis* assimilation: resemblance; likeness, after the likeness of God.

**LOOK DEEPER**

WRITE what God said concerning how He created mankind.

Genesis 1:26, 27 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Genesis 5:1, 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What does James strongly declare that *ought not to be* (James 3:10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What three simple yet clear examples does he give to demonstrate this truth (vv. 11, 12)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LOOK DEEPER**

What did God, through the Holy Spirit, reveal about the tongue to the following men of God?

a) KING SOLOMON

Proverbs 10:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 11:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 12:19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 15:1, 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ecclesiastes 10:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 18:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_

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b) JESUS

Matthew 15:11 \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 12:34-37 \_\_\_\_\_

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c) DAVID

Psalms 10:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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d) PAUL

I Corinthians 13:1 \_\_\_\_\_

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How can the tongue be retrained?

Psalms 34:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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Psalms 141:3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 13:3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 21:23 \_\_\_\_\_

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James 1:26 \_\_\_\_\_

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I Peter 2:1, 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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I Peter 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL**

How will you change the way you use your tongue? \_\_\_\_\_

WRITE out the KEY VERSE \_\_\_\_\_

*Out of the same mouth  
proceed blessing and cursing.  
My brethren, these things  
ought not to be so.*

James 3:10

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