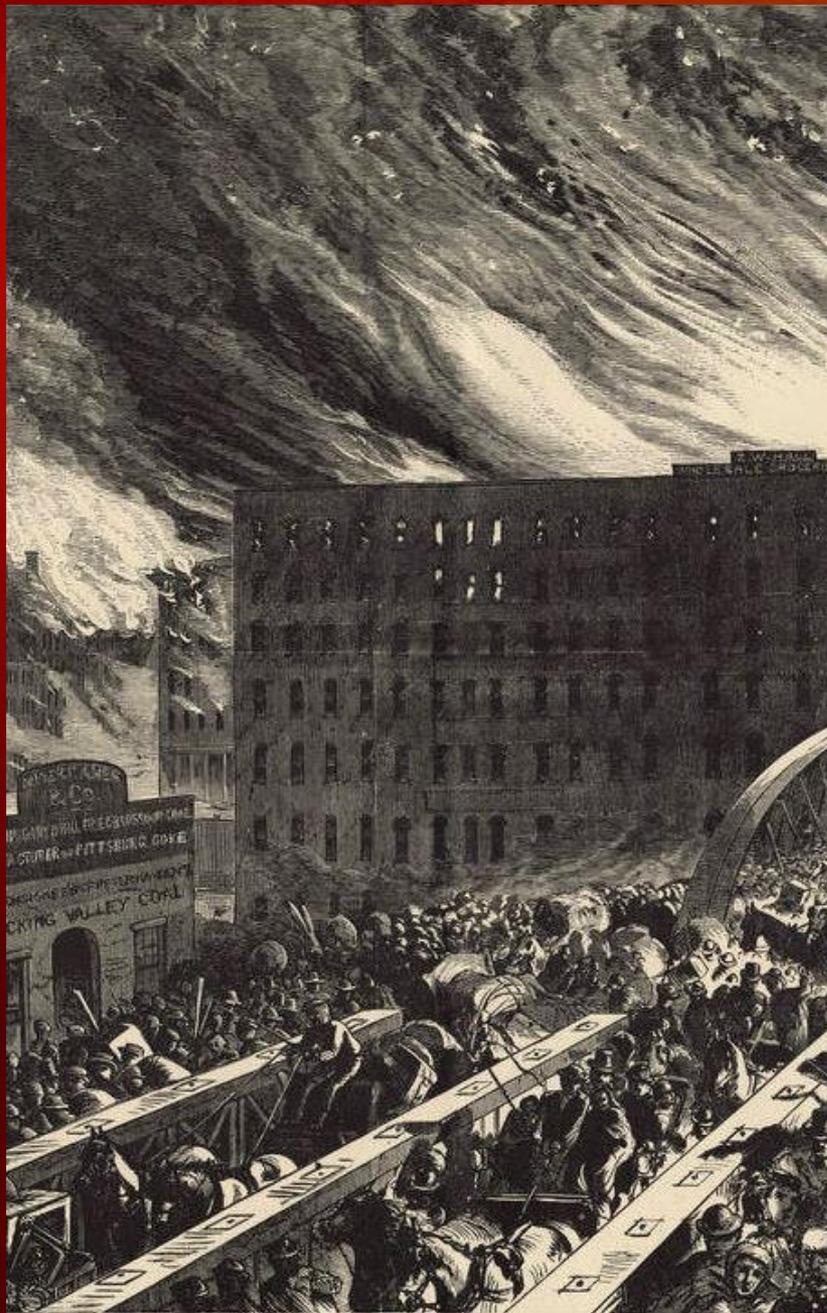


# Sermon Series: James – Where's The Proof?

**OUT OF THE  
SAME  
MOUTH**

JAMES 3





When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 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. 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. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 3:3-6

# Word qualities from verses 17-18

Pure

Peace-Loving

Considerate

Submissive

Full of Mercy

Good Fruit

Impartial

Sincere

The spirit of wisdom from  
heaven is more peaceful and  
encouraging than it is  
loud and selfish.

*With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.*

*Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.*

**James 3:9-12**

# OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH

A tongue that curses....

1. Speaks idle or careless words.

*But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.*

- Jesus, in Matthew 12:36

# OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH

A tongue that curses....

1. Speaks idle or careless words.

2. Gossips

Is it true? Is it necessary?

Is it beneficial? Do I have permission

to share it? Is my motive pure?

# OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH

A tongue that curses....

1. Speaks idle or careless words.
2. Gossips
3. Lies

*Truthful lips endure forever,  
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.*

Proverbs 12:19

# OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH

A tongue that curses....

1. Speaks idle or careless words.
2. Gossips
3. Lies
4. Swears & Curses God's name (v. 9-10)

# OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH

A tongue that praises....

1. Exercises profitable silence.

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under  
the heavens....*

*a time to be silent and a time to speak*

- Ecclesiastes 3

# OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH

A tongue that praises....

1. Exercises profitable silence.
2. Looks for ways to encourage others.

*“If anything goes bad, I did it. If anything goes semi-good, we did it. And if anything goes really good, then you did it!”*

- Former Alabama football coach Bear Bryant

# OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH

A tongue that praises....

1. Exercises profitable silence.
2. Looks for ways to encourage others.
3. Does not grumble & complain often.
4. Loves to praise God and share Jesus.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6

**What have I been saying  
about my faith with my  
mouth?**

# IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK!

To bring hope or to destroy hope

To build up or tear down

To be a witness or destroy your witness for Jesus

*“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.”*

James 3:17-18