

# James

## CHAPTER 3

- 1** My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
- 2** For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
- 3** Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
- 4** Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
- 5** Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindles!
- 6** And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
- 7** For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed of mankind:
- 8** But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
- 9** Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
- 10** Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
- 11** Does a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?
- 12** Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? So *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
- 13** Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
- 14** But if you have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
- 15** This wisdom descends not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.
- 16** For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.
- 17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- 18** And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.