



I. The Purpose of the Tongue (3:9a)

- A. Bless God! (eu + logea = well + speak)
- B. Ways we Bless God
 - 1. Praises – “Lord”
 - 2. Prayers – “Father”
 - 3. Proclamations – “Savior”
- C. Ways we Blaspheme God (3:9b)
 - 1. Cursing people made in his image (Gen. 1:27)
 - 2. Curse God as well
- D. We Should Not do this! (vs. 10)
 - 1. Comparison (bless vs curse)
 - 2. Cooperation (same mouth!)
 - 3. Comment! This should not to be! (chre)

II. Three Pictures of Consistency (3:11,12)

- A. A Fountain – gushing flow
- B. A Fig tree – bear olives – grapevine bear figs?
- C. Fresh water – does not come from a salt water pool!
- D. One time = Hypocrisy – invalidates the whole truth

III. The Proof of the Tongue (vs. 13 – 18)

- A. Two wisdoms (natures) active in us all! (Gal. 5:16 - 25)
 - 1. Earthly wisdom (Carnal nature)
 - i. Bitter envy ii. Selfish ambition iii. Unspiritual iv. Of the devil
 - 2. Heavenly wisdom (Spiritual nature)
 - i. good life ii. deeds done in humility (vs. 13)
 - iii. Pure iv. Peace-loving v. Considerate vi. Submissive
 - vii. Full of Mercy viii. Good fruit ix. Impartial x. Sincere
- B. Our tongues are the proof of which nature is ruling!
- C. Our goal: Psalm 19:14 - May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.