

Shoe Leather Theology

Week 6

James 3:1-4:12

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- I. The Christian And His Behavior (3:1-4:12)
 - A. Sin in the life revealed (3:1-4:5)
 - 1. Sin in the mouth (3:1-12)
 - a. A word about the teachers (3:1)
 - (1) Don't multiply teachers (3:1a)
 - (2) Don't misunderstand teaching (3:1b)
 - b. A word about the tongue (3:2-12)
 - (1) A divine standard (3:2)
 - (2) A devastating statement (3:3-12)
 - (a) The unbridled tongue (3:3-5a)
 - i. The illustration (3:3-4)
 - a. How a beast is controlled (3:3)
 - b. How a boat is controlled (3:4)
 - ii. The application (3:5a)
 - (b) The untrammelled tongue (3:5b-6)
 - i. The illustration (3:5b)
 - ii. The application (3:6)
 - a. How decadent it is (3:6a)
 - b. How defiling it is (3:6b)
 - c. How destructive it is (3:6c)
 - d. How devilish it is (3:6d)
 - (c) The untamed tongue (3:7-10)
 - i. The illustration (3:7)
 - ii. The application (3:8-10)
 - a. The tongue and its disloyalty (3:8)
 - 1. How pugnacious it is (3:8a)
 - 2. How poisonous it is (3:8b)
 - b. The tongue and its dichotomy (3:9)
 - 1. Its ability to bless God (3:9a)
 - 2. Its ability to berate man (3:9b)
 - c. The tongue and its duplicity (3:10)
 - 1. Repetition (3:10a)
 - 2. Repudiation (3:10b)
 - (d) The unredeemed tongue (3:11-12)
 - i. The illustration (3:11)
 - ii. The application (3:12)

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2. Sin in the mind (3:13-18)
 - a. Wisdom and its course (3:13-14)
 - (1) The main stream of wise behavior (3:13)
 - (2) The muddy stream of wicked behavior (3:14)
 - (a) A bitter spirit (3:14a)
 - (b) A belligerent spirit (3:14b)
 - (c) A boastful spirit (3:14c)
 - (d) A blind spirit (3:14d)
 - b. Wisdom and its source (3:15-17)
 - (1) The source of human wisdom (3:15-16)
 - (a) Its outflow (3:15)
 - i. Its secular source (3:15a)
 - ii. Its sensual source (3:15b)
 - iii. Its satanic source (3:15c)
 - (b) Its outcome (3:16)
 - i. Unrest (3:16a)
 - ii. Ungodliness (3:16b)
 - (2) The source of heavenly wisdom (3:17)
 - (a) Its basic characteristic (3:17a)
 - (b) Its benevolent characteristics (3:17b-d)
 - i. Its motivation (3:17b)
 - ii. Its moderation (3:17c)
 - iii. Its mediation (3:17d)
 - (c) Its bountiful characteristics (3:17e-f)
 - i. In the thoughts it entertains (3:17e)
 - ii. In the things it espouses (3:17f)
 - (d) Its balanced characteristics (3:17g-h)
 - i. Absolutely unbiased (3:17g)
 - ii. Absolutely unblemished (3:17h)
 - c. Wisdom and its force (3:18)
 3. Sin in the members (4:1-5)
 - a. The first question (4:1-4)
 - (1) The question asked (4:1)
 - (2) The question answered (4:2-4)
 - (a) Their fleshly lusts (4:2a-b)
 - i. Their wants (4:2a)
 - ii. Their wars (4:2b)

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- (b) Their faulty logic (4:2c-3)
 - i. A failure to pray personally (4:2c)
 - ii. A failure to pray properly (4:3)
- (c) Their fatal liaisons (4:4)
 - i. Their worldliness exposed (4:4a)
 - ii. Their wickedness exposed (4:4b)
- b. The further question (4:5)
- B. Sin in the life resisted (4:6-10)
 - 1. The call to submit (4:6-7)
 - a. The secret of spiritual virtue (4:6)
 - b. The secret of spiritual victory (4:7)
 - 2. The call to commit (4:8-10)
 - a. A word about coming (4:8a)
 - b. A word about cleansing (4:8b)
 - c. A word about crying (4:9)
 - d. A word about contrition (4:10)
- C. Sin in the life repudiated (4:11-12)
 - 1. The command (4:11)
 - a. The command expressed (4:11a)
 - b. The command explained (4:11b-c)
 - (1) What is involved (4:11b)
 - (2) What is inferred (4:11c)
 - 2. The comment (4:12)