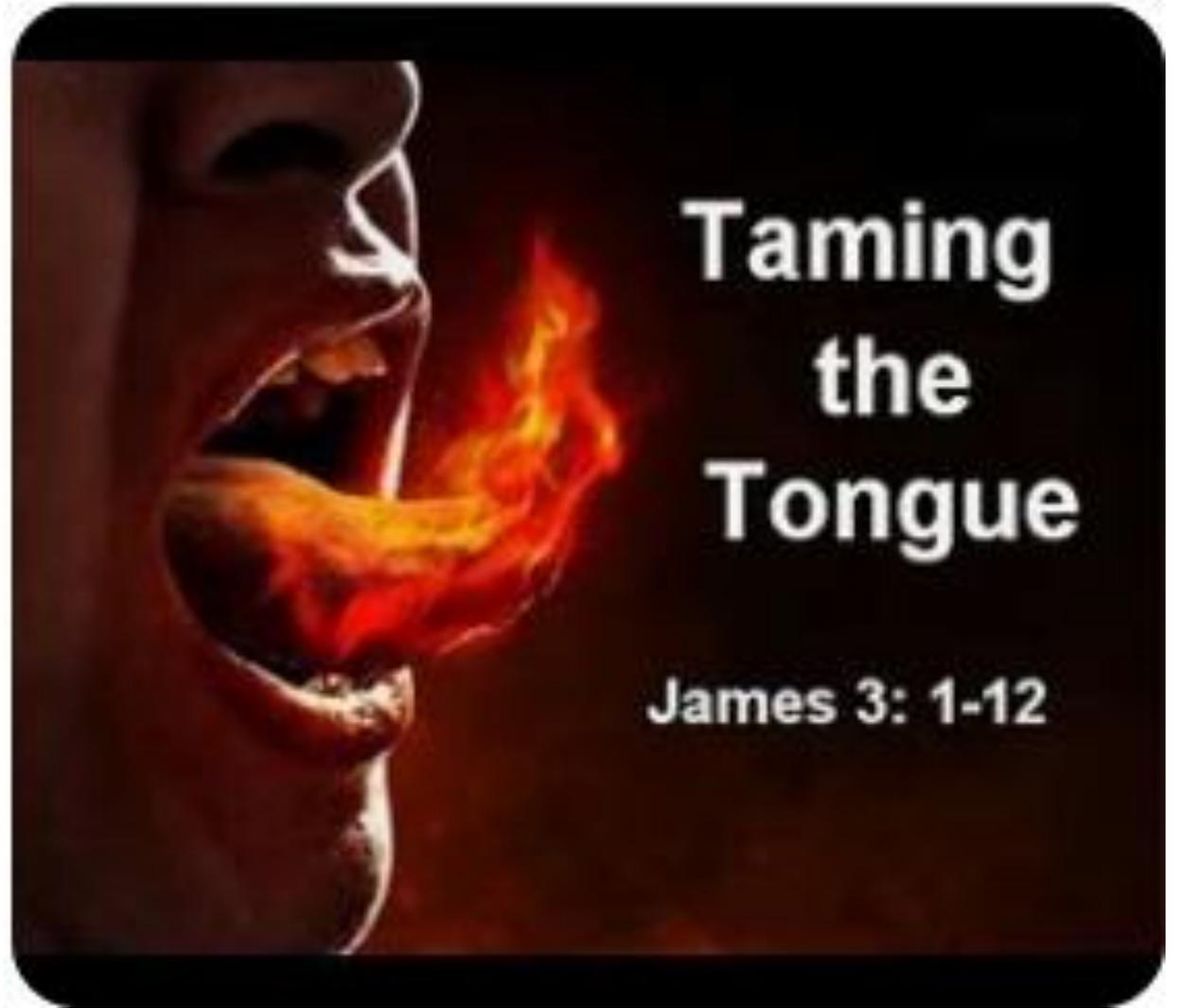


The Crucified Tongue

James 3:1-12



INTRODUCTION

I. Frederick Douglass – *What to the Slave
Is the Fourth of July?* (1852)

II. Winston Churchill – *Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat* (1940)

III. Martin Luther King Jr. – *I Have a Dream* (1963)

IV. Malcolm X – *The Ballot or the Bullet* (1964)



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Based on the highly provocative statements of the Former President of Russia, Dmitry Medvedev, who is now the Deputy Chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, I have ordered two Nuclear Submarines to be positioned in the appropriate regions, just in case these foolish and inflammatory statements are more than just that. Words are very important, and can often lead to unintended consequences, I hope this will not be one of those instances. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Therefore, let us make up
our minds today to use
our tongue to glorify God!

I. EXALTATION OF GOD'S NAME

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9 NASB).

II. EVANGELIZATION OF LOST SOULS

“My tongue shall speak of thy word” (Psalm 119:172).

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound” (Isaiah 61:1).

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith”
(Romans 1:16-17).

Implication:

You can choose to have your tongue transformed into one that will be used to turn individuals and multitudes away from the way of destruction and death and onto the paths of righteousness and eternal life.

III. EDIFICATION OF FELLOW BELIEVERS

To “edify” is to strengthen, build up or establish; it is to instruct and develop, especially in spiritual matters (Ephesians 4:15-16).

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...”
(Colossians 3:16).

“Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person” (Colossians 4:6).

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Ephesians 4:29).

Implication:

*We are to use our tongue to
strengthen and build up,
not to weaken and pull
down.*

IV. ENCOURAGEMENT OF WEARY PILGRIMS

To encourage is to inspire with courage, spirit and hope. It is an attempt to urge, spur on and stimulate others to good works.

12 *Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed* (Hebrews 12:12-13).

The word that comes out
of our tongue can:

A. Make people feel loved, appreciated and wanted

“Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them” (Genesis 50:21).

B. Bring relief to a heavily burdened and distressed soul

“A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit” (Proverbs 15:4).

C. Cause anger and wrath to be dissolved

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger” (Proverbs 15:1).

D. Foster peace and harmony in the home, church, neighbourhoods, office, and nation as a whole

“Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29 NASB).

Implication:

If you are determined to be a channel of blessing and encouragement, the Lord will use your mouth to speak life, healing, strength and vitality to the ailing people around you.

“There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health” (Proverbs 12:18).

V. EXPRESSION OF OUR HEART'S DESIRES

“Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Philippians 4:6).

Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you” (Matthew 7:7).

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit” (Proverbs 18:21).

Conclusion

If we want our words to bring life, healing, truth, and praise, we need a new heart, which can only come through surrendering to Jesus Christ.