

James 3:1-11



“Sins Of The Tongue”

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- The Deceitful Tongue...
- The Distasteful Tongue...
- The Desolate Tongue...





The Deceitful Tongue

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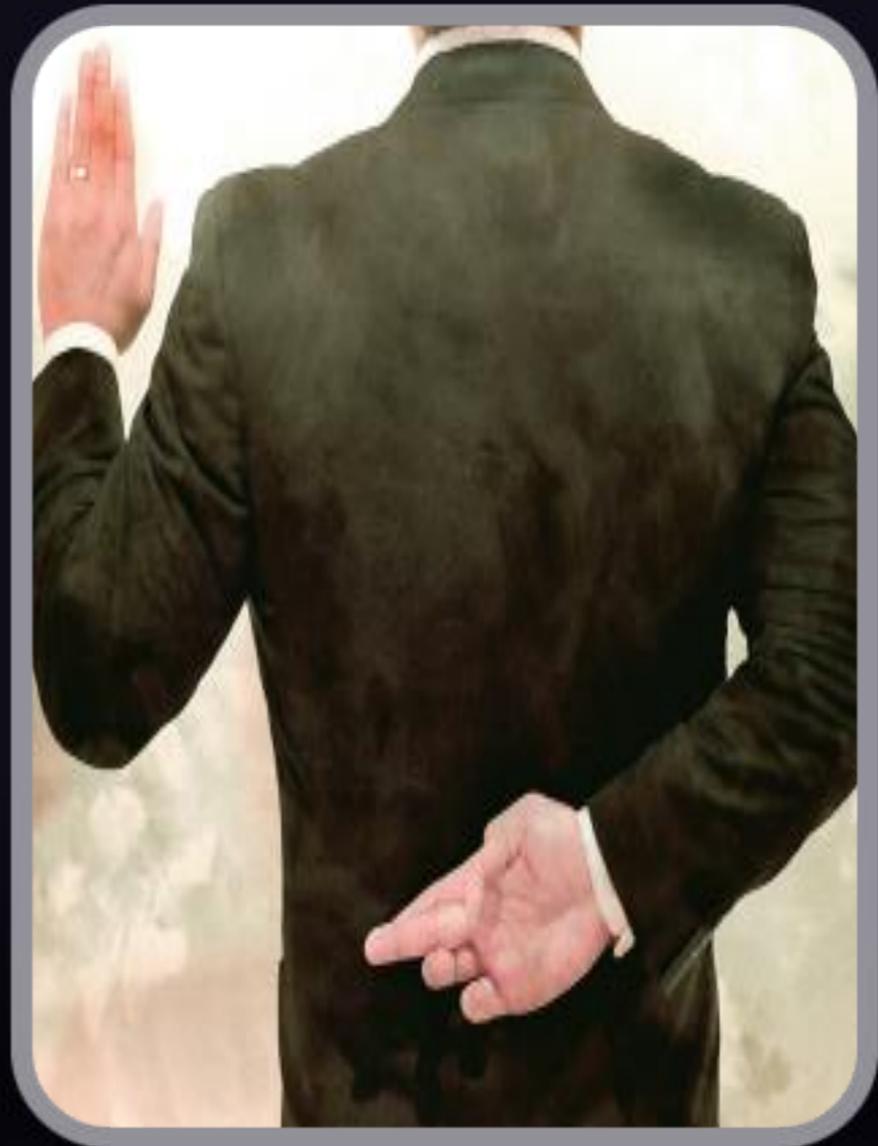
- The Deceitful Tongue...
 - The deceitful tongue = the lying tongue...
 - God hates lying (Prov 6:17-19; 12:22; 21:6).



Prov. 6:17-19 "A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, **A false witness who speaks lies**, And one who sows discord among brethren."

Prov. 12:22 **Lying lips are an abomination** to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.

Prov. 21:6 Getting treasures **by a lying tongue** *Is* the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.



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- The Deceitful Tongue...
 - The Lying tongue (Prov 21:6).
 - God hates lying (Prov 6:17-19; 12:22).
 - Lying- *To utter falsehood with an intention to deceive; to say or do that which is intended to deceive another, when he has right to know the truth, or when morality requires a just representation. (Webster's). Usually a spoken attempt to deceive, but sometimes used to refer to a deceptive action.*
 - Satan is the father of all lies (Jn 8:44).
 - All liars are condemned (Rev 21:8).



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- The Deceitful Tongue...
 - What causes people to lie or practice deceit?
 - That's just what they do (Gen 3:4).
 - Fear (Gen 12:13; 20:1-12).
 - Fame (Acts 5:1-4).
 - Pride (1 Kin 13:18).
 - Greed (Matt 28:11-15).
 - We are commanded to speak truth (Eph 4:14-15, 25 Cf Acts 20:26-27).

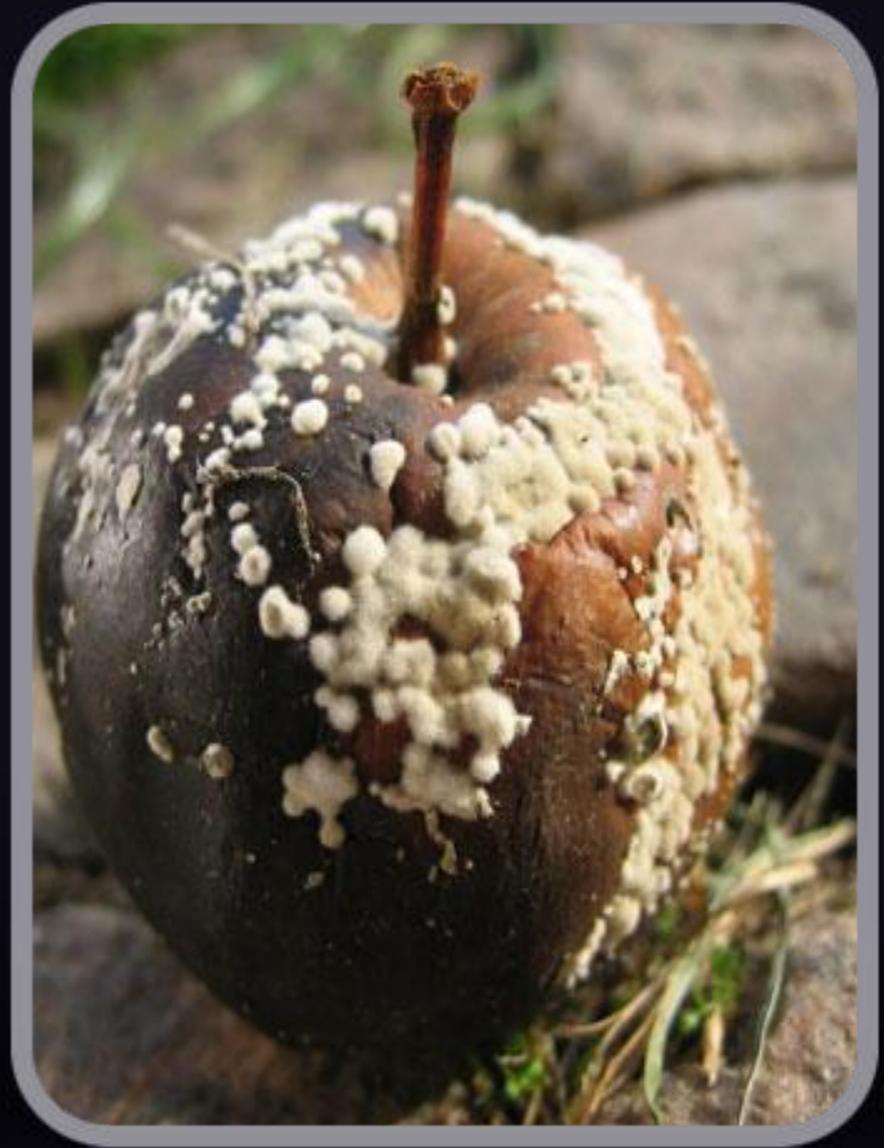




The Distasteful Tongue

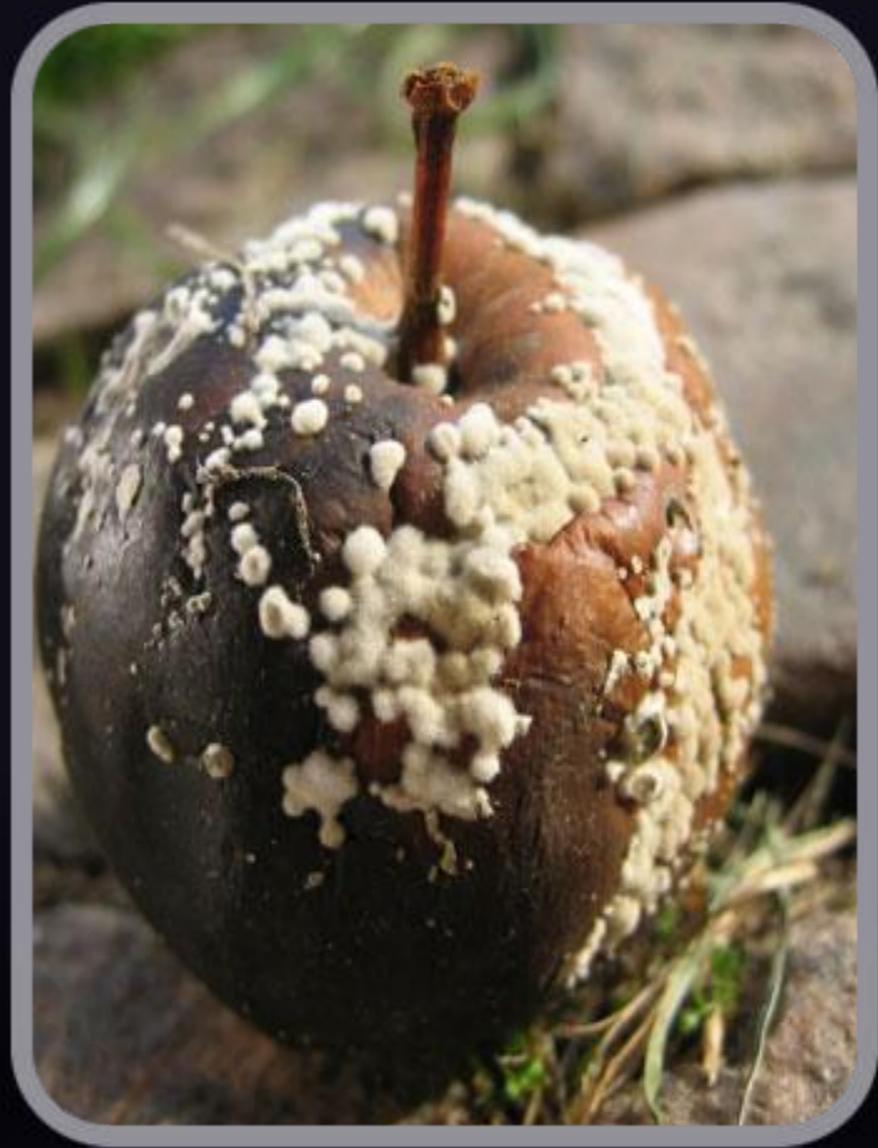
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- The Distasteful Tongue...
 - Distasteful- Offensive; displeasing to the feelings, disagreeable. To the Christian distasteful speech is equal to corrupt speech. We as Christians should let no corrupt words proceed from our mouths (Eph 4:29).
 - Corrupt- rotten, i.e. Worthless (literally or morally).
 - That which is doctrinally impure.
 - All that is contrary to sound doctrine is corrupt (1 Tim 6:3-6).



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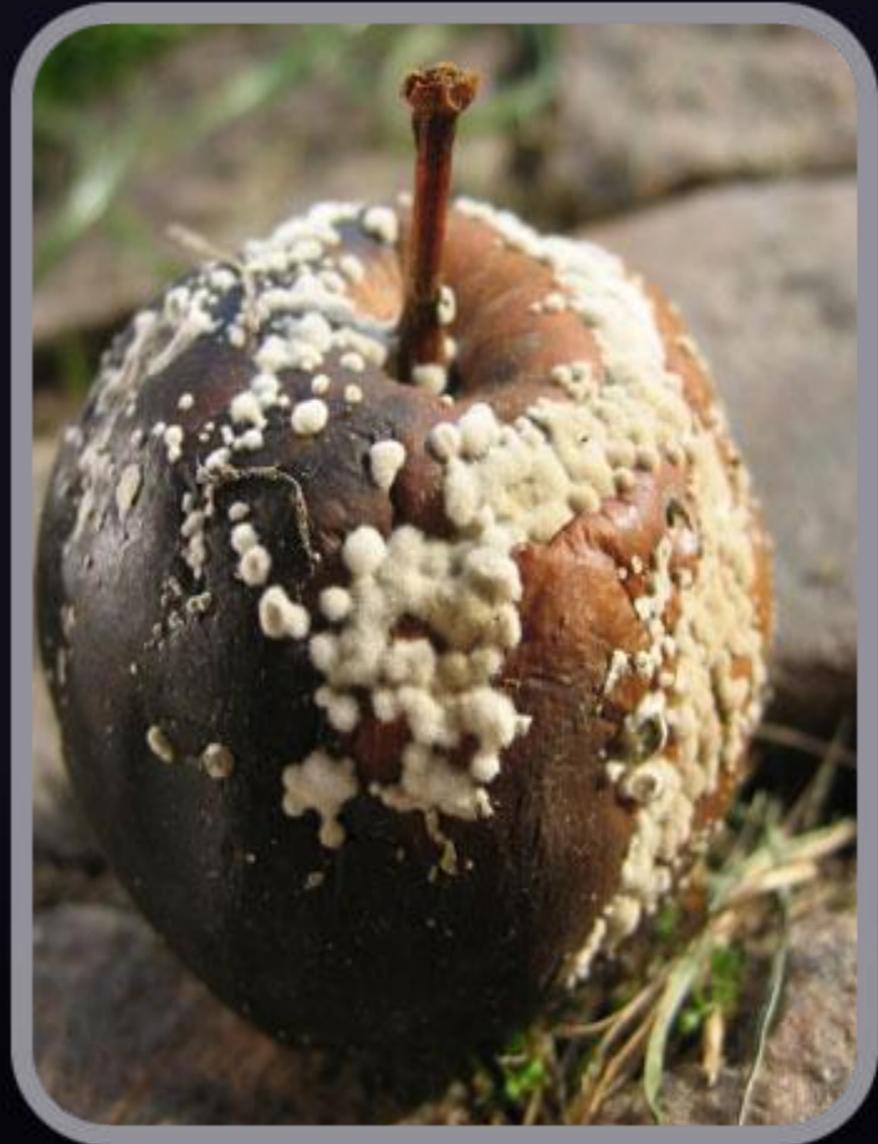
- The Distasteful Tongue...
 - What constitutes a distasteful tongue?
 - (Eph 5:4).
 - “Filthy” (*aischrotes*) entails behavior that defies social and moral standards, shamefulness, “obscenity”.
 - Course jesting...
 - Col 3:8 (*aischrologia*) denotes speech of a kind that is generally considered in poor taste, obscene speech, “dirty talk.”
 - 2 Pet 2:18 “Lascivious speech” speech that conjures up illicit sexual images and ideas.
 - Eph 4:29 “Corrupt” (morally unwholesome, harmful communication”).
 - Profanity...
 - Profanity is determined by context not construction



“Four Letter Words
God-dog same letters
but different meanings”.

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- The Distasteful Tongue...
 - Words become profane by treating a word's sacred meaning or usage in a common or trivial way Cf (Ex 20:7).
 - "Oh my God", "Jesus Christ", "Lordy Mercy" as expressions of surprise or disgust.
 - Euphemisms for God such as "Gosh", "Geeze", and "Golly".
 - Using Biblical phraseology unlawfully...
 - "Fool" (Psa 14:1 Cf 1 Cor 15:36 Cf **Matt 5:22**).
 - The term "Curse" can be used properly to pronounce Divine judgment (Gal 1:8-9; 1 Cor 6:22).
 - Jesus called some a "child of hell" (Matt 23:15).
 - Jesus also said those who do not believe and are not baptized are condemned (Mk 16:16).



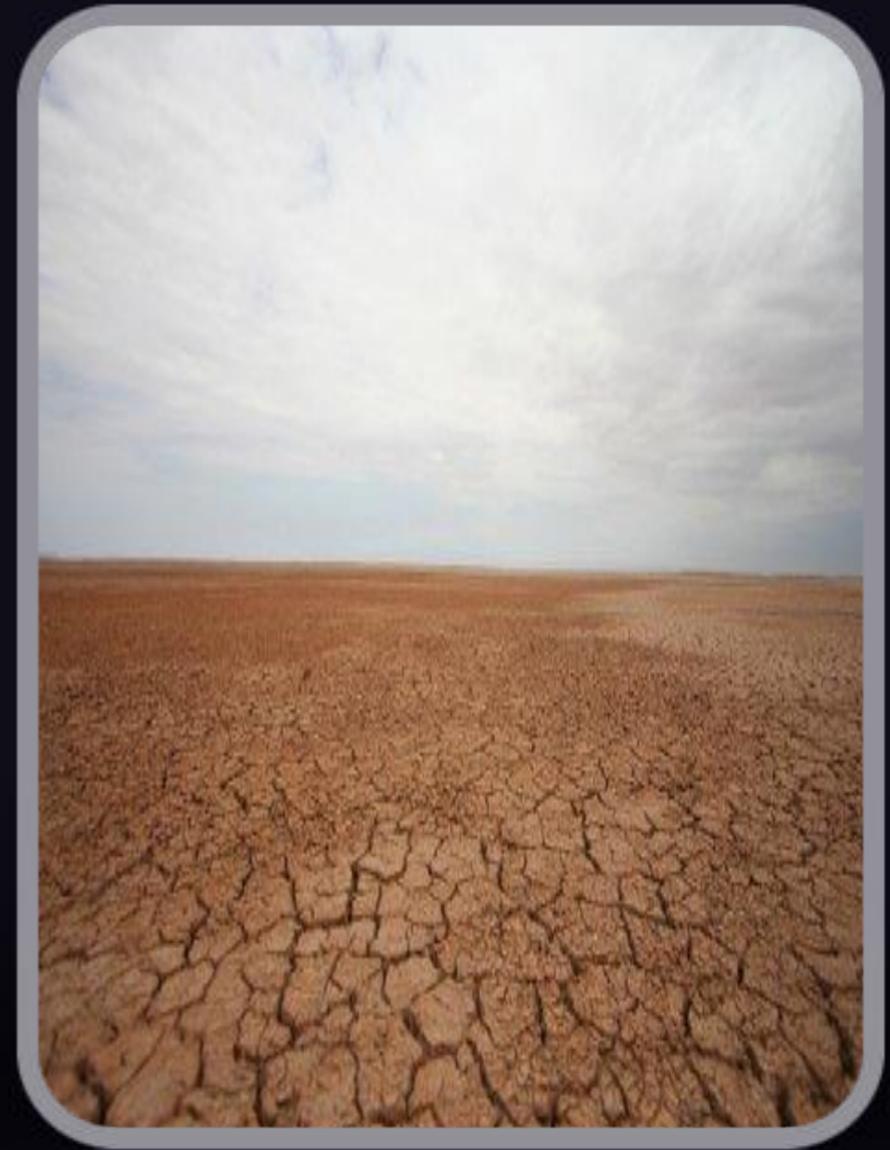
 "Damn you"
Or
"Go to hell".



The Desolate Tongue

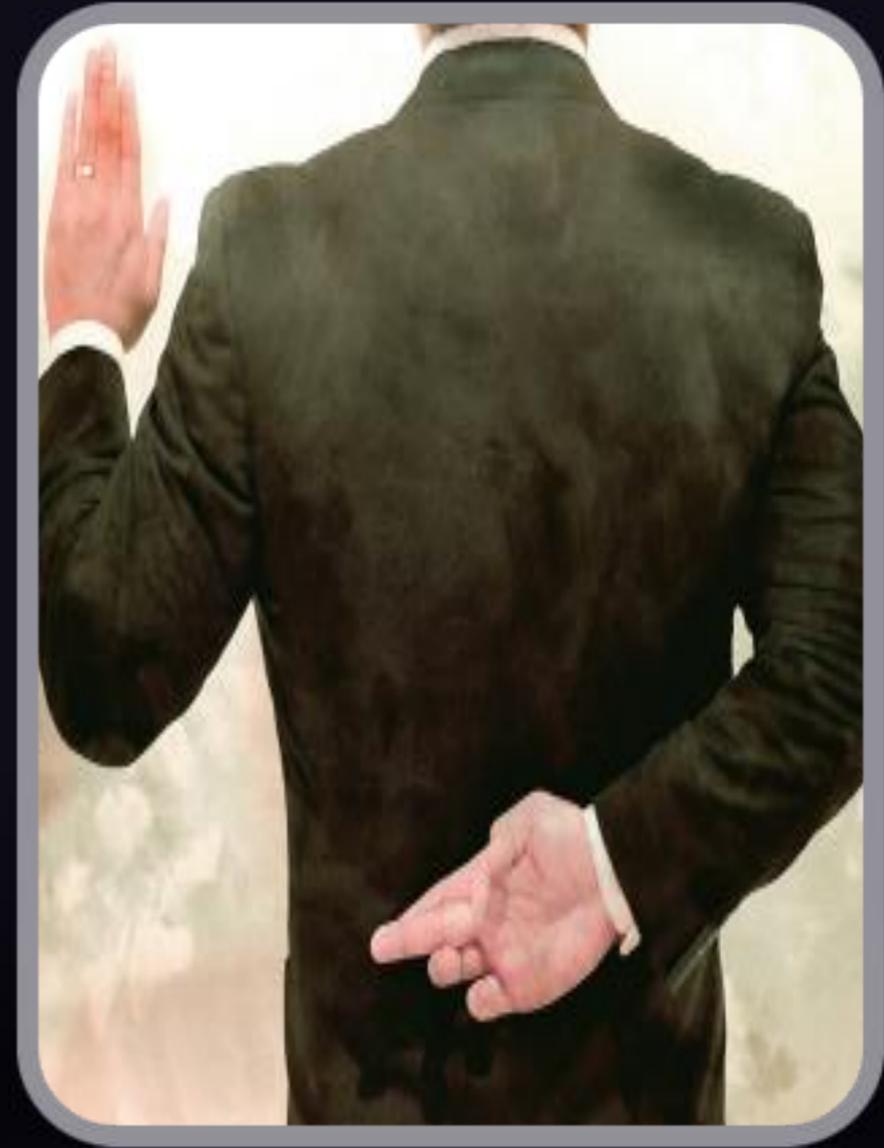
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- The Desolate Tongue...
- Desolate deserted of people, bleak, dismal, empty, uninhabited, barren. The word can also be rendered useless or of no benefit!
- “Idle words” (Matt 12:24, 33-36).
- “God doesn’t care about that”, “that’s not important to salvation”, or “you don’t have to do that”.
- (Isa 55:9).
- (Job 38:2).
- (2 Pet 2:17-18).



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- Swearing...
 - Jesus condemns swearing (Matt 5:33-36).
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Matt. 5:33-36 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.

James 5:12 "But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and *your* "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment."



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- Swearing...
 - Jesus condemns swearing (Matt 5:33-36).
 - James gives the same warning (Jas 5:12).
 - Peter's example (Matt 26:69-74).
 - However we must recognize that not all oaths are condemned in the Scriptures!



Heb. 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, **because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself**".

2Cor. 1:23 Moreover **I call God for a record upon my soul**, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

Gal. 1:20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, **before God, I lie not**.

1Tim. 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for **perjured persons**, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

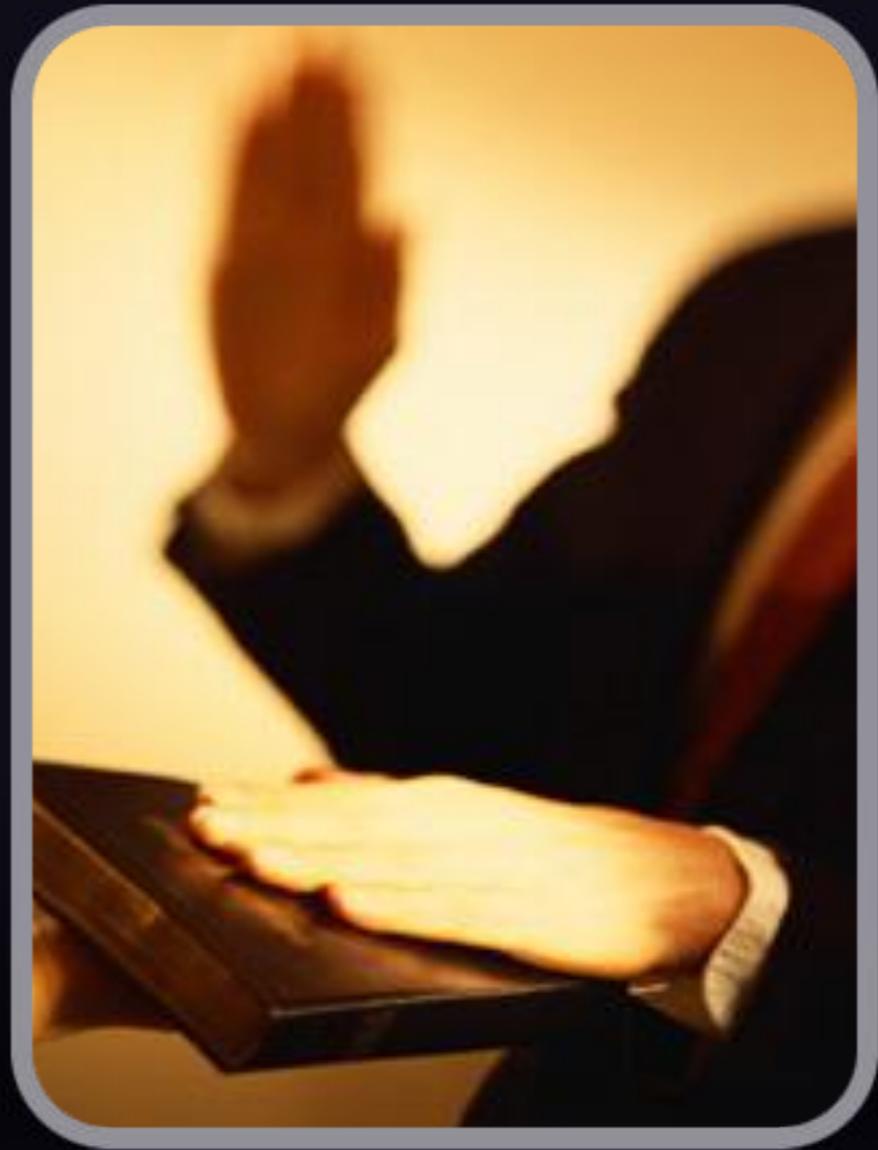


Matt. 26:63-64 "But Jesus kept silent.

And the high priest answered and said to Him, "**I put You under oath**

by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "***It is as you said.***

Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."



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 - Jesus condemns swearing (Matt 5:33-36).
 - James gives the same warning (Jas 5:12).
 - Peter's example (Matt 26:69-75).
 - There is a difference between swearing an oath and taking an oath.
 - The type of oath prohibited, is one made frivolously and dishonestly.
 - Our word should be our bond!



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- Gossip (Rom 1:28-30).
 - Gossip- *is derived from the idea of "whispering and can be defined as one who reveals secrets, one who goes about as a talebearer or scandal-monger."*



Prov. 20:19 He who goes about *as a talebearer reveals secrets*; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

Prov. 11:12-13 "He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace. *A talebearer reveals secrets*, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

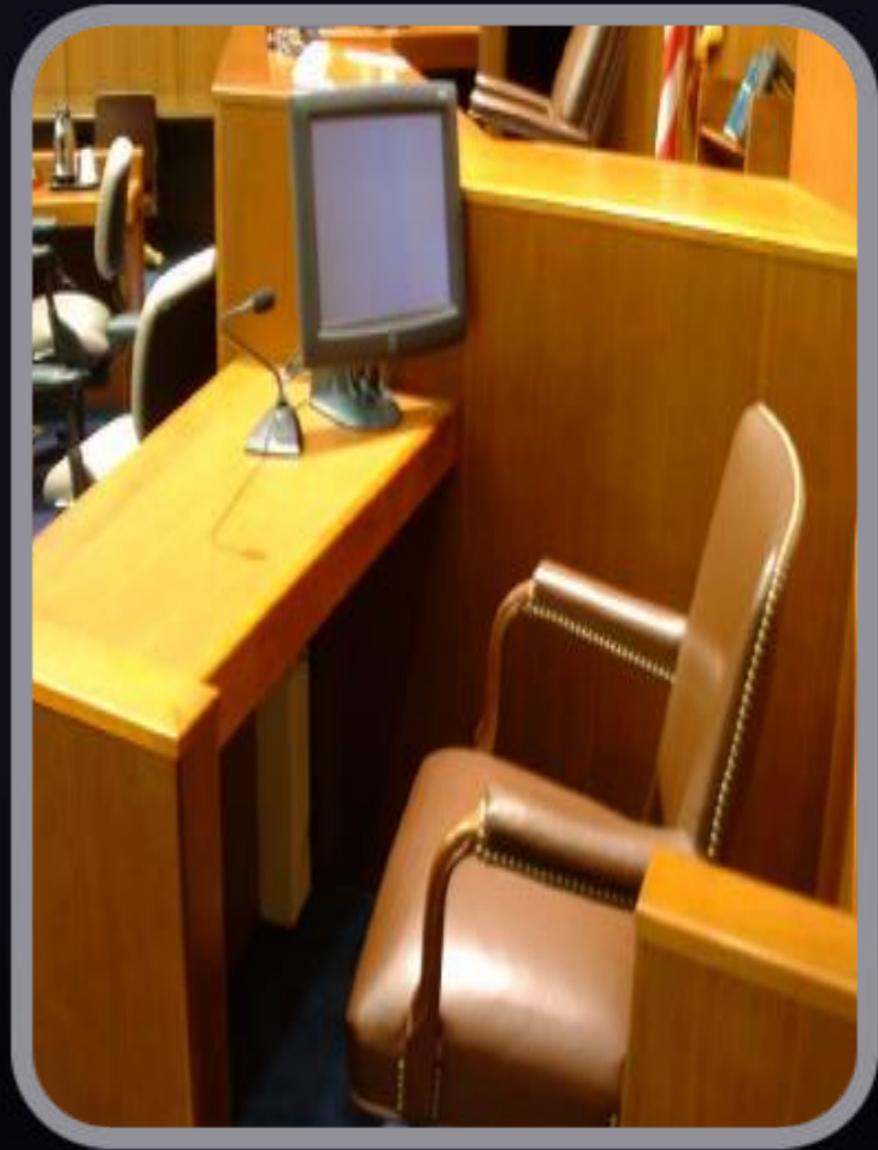


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 - The Bible does not condemn all telling of information (1 Cor 1:11; 5:1).
 - Gossip is distinguished from sharing information in two ways...
 - Intent..
 - Type...
 - (1 Tim 5:19).



1Tim. 5:19-20 "Do not **receive an accusation** against an elder except from **two or three witnesses**. Those who are sinning **rebuke in the presence of all**, that the rest also may fear."



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- The Desolate Tongue...
- How can I be alert for gossip?
 - Phrases to watch for...
 - “Your the first one I’m telling this to, but so and so is, has, or is going to”.
 - “I hear that so and so” ...
 - “Is it true thatso and so”?
 - “Did you know that so and so”?



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- The Desolate Tongue...
- Gossip (Rom 1:28-30).
 - Be watchful to false intent or the "masquerade of concern".
 - "I hate to say this to you, but I'm concerned about so and so" ...
 - "I'm very troubled about so and so and I don;t know who else to talk to about it" (Prov 16:28).
- What to do?
 - Always be willing to talk to the person involved about your concerns.
 - Let the sharer know of your willingness to talk to the subject of the concern.
 - Ask the information sharer if you can tell the subject that they are the source of you information.



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- Gossip (Rom 1:28-30).
 - How to guard yourself from gossip...
 - Realize how sinful gossip is (Rom 1:32).
 - Mind your own affairs (1 Pet 4:15).
 - Practice brotherly kindness.



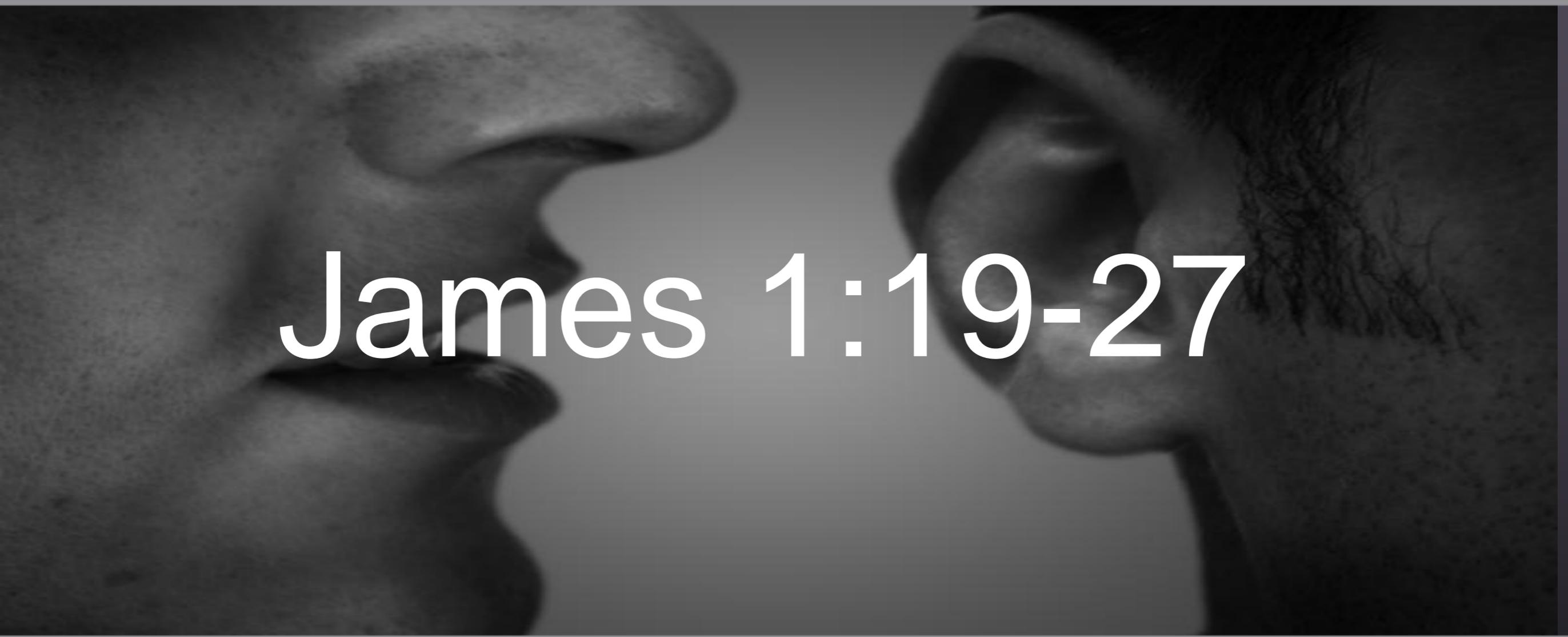


The Silent Tongue

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- The Silent Tongue...
- Not speaking when we should...
 - Jn 9:19-23...
 - Matt 18:15-17...





James 1:19-27

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