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Note how we’ve jumped from how the rich are treated to the place of works in justification to one’s management of the tongue

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Only speech that is edifying, truthful & blessed should proceed from our lips!