The Epistle of James

Week 5: James 3:1-12 - The Tongue and Righteousness

Outline of the book of James

A. 1:2-27 – Patience and faith in trials, sin & save your souls

B. 2:1-7 – Rich and "the poor man"

C. 2:8-13 – Royal law & partiality, Judged by the law of liberty

D. 2:14-26 – Justification [dikaio] & works

E. 3:1-12 – The Tongue

D' 3:13-18 – Righteousness [dikaiosune], Wisdom, & works

C' 4:1-12 – Members at war; Judged by the Lawgiver

B' 4:13-5:6 – Rich & "the righteous one"

A' 5:7-21 – Patience in suffering, sin & save his soul

Righteousness, justified: 1:20; 2:21, 23, 24, 25; 3:18; 5:16

I. Righteous Use of the Tongue - Teachers 3:1-2

II. The Power of the Tongue 3:3-8

III. Blessing and Cursing 3:9-12

Matthew 5:43-48



