

## 嘴唇所結的果子 (1)：『心裏所充滿的，口裏就說出來』

背誦經文：耶和華—我的磐石，我的救贖主啊，願我口中的言語、心裏的意念在你面前蒙悅納。(詩19:14)

### A. 由雅各書第三章看舊人的口舌

#### a. 舌頭雖小，其影響力卻極大

- 3 我們若把嚼環放在馬嘴裏，叫牠順服，就能調動牠的全身。4 看哪，船隻雖然甚大，又被大風催逼，只用小小的舵，就隨著掌舵的意思轉動。5 這樣，舌頭在百體裏也是最小的，卻能說大話。看哪，最小的火能點著最大的樹林。(雅3:3-5)

#### b. 舊人的口舌是極其可怕的

- 6 舌頭就是火，在我們百體中，舌頭是個罪惡的世界，能污穢全身，也能把生命的輪子點起來，並且是從地獄裏點著的。(雅3:6)
- ...是不止息的惡物，滿了害死人的毒氣。(雅3:8b)

#### c. 沒有人能制伏自己的舌頭

- 7 各類的走獸、飛禽、昆蟲、水族，本來都可以制伏，也已經被人制伏了；8 惟獨舌頭沒有人能制伏，是不止息的惡物，滿了害死人的毒氣。(雅3:7-8)
- 原來我們在許多事上都有過失；若有人在話語上沒有過失，他就是完全人，也能勒住自己的全身。(雅3:2)

### B. 口舌是心的發表：它顯明出生命的源頭和品質

- (耶穌又...說：)「43...沒有好樹結壞果子，也沒有壞樹結好果子...45善人從他心裏所存的善就發出善來；惡人從他心裏所存的惡就發出惡來；因為心裏所充滿的，口裏就說出來。」(路6:43-45)
- 10 頌讚和咒詛從一個口裏出來！我的弟兄們，這是不應當的！11 泉源從一個眼裏能發出甜苦兩樣的水嗎？12 我的弟兄們，無花果樹能生橄欖嗎？葡萄樹能結無花果嗎？鹹水裏也不能發出甜水來。(雅3:10-12)

### C. 「感恩」與「讚美」都是嘴唇所結果子的典範

- 14 你們要以感謝為祭獻與神...23 凡以感謝獻上為祭的便是榮耀我...(詩50:14,23)
- 我們應當靠著耶穌，常常以頌讚為祭獻給神，這就是那承認主名之人嘴唇的果子。(來13:15)
- 4...枝子若不常在葡萄樹上，自己就不能結果子；你們若不常在我裏面，也是這樣。5 ...常在我裏面的，我也常在他裏面，這人就多結果子...(約15:4b-5)

The Fruit of the Lips (1): "For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks"

Memorization Verse: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer." (Ps 19:14)

A. Let's observe the tongue of the old man from chapter 3 of the Book of James

a. Though small, it possesses extremely great influential power

3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4

Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. (James 3:3-5)

b. The tongue of the old man is exceedingly dreadful

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. (James 3:6)

It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (James 3:8b)

c. No man can tame his own tongue

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (James 3:7-8)

2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. (James 3:2)

B. The tongue is the expression of the heart: it reveals the source and quality of the life within

43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart [a] brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:43-45)

10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh. (James 3:10-12)

C. Both **Thanksgiving** and **Praise** are the models (good examples) of the fruit of the lips.

Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High ... Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; (Ps 50:14,23)

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (Heb 13:15)

4 ... As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:4b-5)