

<sup>1</sup>My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.<sup>2</sup>For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.<sup>3</sup>Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.<sup>4</sup>Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.<sup>5</sup>Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!<sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.<sup>7</sup>For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:<sup>8</sup>But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup>Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.<sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.<sup>11</sup>Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?<sup>12</sup>Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.<sup>13</sup>Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.<sup>14</sup>But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.<sup>15</sup>This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.<sup>16</sup>For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.<sup>18</sup>And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.