**James (3:1-12) takes the Teachers ‘back to’ John 16: Parakletos Promise**

**We looked at the ‘Word’ that the Teachers were to be speaking: Jn 17:14-8**

*‘Stricter judgment’ –* From Who?

* God Himself…Accountability to being attached to the Vine –Now
* Christ – (**Jn 5:22-24)** *all judgment given to Son* – (**I Cor. 3:5-17) – THEN**
* Politicians – Synagogue Rulers – World – Public (**Jn 16:1-15)**

**John 16:**

* Put you out of the Synagogues –
* Kill you…calling you a heretic – opposition to God…
* Context: The Jews – your Country – Community -Peers will say that THEY *Know* God and are living as ‘*believers’*…
	+ They will turn on you – Hurt you – Kill you… **[Pretty Bleak?!]**
* **(4) OH –** and I’m Leaving (That is Why I am telling you now)-

**(5-6) The apostles did NOT ‘Get it’ in the Moment:** But 14 yrs later they did!!

* Acts 4:3…19-20; 5:17-18…27-29; 6:8-12….57-60; 8:1-4…
* Apostle James is martyred (Acts 12:1-4…17) (**AD 43/44-** James is there)

**Think About this for a Second:**

1. The Church Leaders were facing Test after Test (Conflict/Conflict) that they had never experienced before…**These WORDS became their Manual. [*Law of Liberty]***
2. **Churches** were rising up/starting in the midst of this ‘tension’…b/c people were seeing their need for Christ, spiritual support and fellowship of each other. [2020-22 Churches have shown that they do NOT understand this.]

(7-12) The *Parakletos* [Spirit of Christ -I Pt. 1:11]: (Parenting Principle)

**HE WILL** convict the world of: [Sin – Righteousness – Judgment]

1. The Teacher teaches the Word – [Spirit to spirit; **Rom. 10:17]**
2. The Teacher is NOT Jesus (sinless) –Word - [Spirit to spirit]-Righteousness
3. The Teacher CAN’T Unveil/Rescue/Deliver/’Make alive’ from Satan’s hold
	1. **Eph. 2:1-10;** Word - [Spirit to spirit] – Faith 4 Freedom

(13-15) The Teacher: is Guided -Speaking – Eschatology – *Heavenly wisdom*

* We are NOT Apostolic – but we hold the Inspired inerrant word of God.

(**Jas. 3:3-4)** The Word – [Spirit to spirit] – Matures – Controls:

* The Teacher [WORD] is able to steer People – Marriages – Families
* The Teacher [WORD] is able to steer Churches small or large:

**(5-12)** *Even so…*We” have this Tongue ESPECIALLY under Tension/Judgment

**The ‘Tongue’ CAN:** (Parenting Principle)

* Destroy a Teachers Testimony – Disqualify – Break Trust - Lead ‘Away’
* Be a ‘world of wickedness’ – Deception – Humour - Dishonesty
* Defile (inner corruption) a Teacher – inside out:
	+ *‘sets ablaze’ –the course of ‘existence’* [Apostolic calling]
		- Vine separation- the Chastisement God warned of (**Jn 15)**
	+ ‘*set ablaze’* by *‘Gehenna’ –* consequence, discipline, **judgment.**

(7-12) **‘Speaking for CHRIST as the Spirit leads…DOES NOT JUST HAPPEN”**

* (7-8) You CAN’T tame the Tongue…. [Especially under tension]
* (9-10) On your own…your way…’Hoping for the best’…
	+ (Maybe not ALL the time) – but…
	+ Making Excuses for your Flesh – Carnality – SIN is NOT acceptable

**For Teachers: Things that Do NOT ‘Just happen’… (**Parenting Principle)

1. Maturity in this area
2. Control of Sinful Carnal outbursts – Defensive and offensive attacks.
3. Handling our Words in Tension: From Church -Outside Church.

**Remember:** “We can NOT count on ‘Responding’ b/c we are prone to ‘Reacting’”

A Leader (Parent) must recognize and prepare their hearts beforehand…b/c once its out…it can be forgiven but NEVER taken back.

**GOD Says – *‘these things ought NOT to be so’ –*** You will be judged for it.

**Application:**