

DOCTRINE OF THE SINS OF THE TONGUE

- I. Sins of the tongue (S/T) are verbal expressions of the STA. *See Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature/STA*
 - A. S/T is one of three ways the believer expresses sins, the other two being mental attitude (MA) e.g. Mat.5:28, and overt (fornicating, stealing, murder, etc.).
 - B. It includes the articulation of human viewpoint or false doctrine (1Tim.1:3-4) a.k.a. as doctrines of demons (1Tim.4:1).
 - C. S/T do not conform to righteousness or truth. Cp.Pro.8:7,8 *wisdom personified*

- II. The mouth is a window that reveals who is in control of the "Real You". Mat.15:11, *"Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man"*. Cp. vss.18,19

- III. Control of the tongue is a mark of maturity and isolation of the STA. Jam.3:2-4; cp.Psa.15:1-3

- IV. The uncontrolled tongue: Jam.3:5-8
 - A. Is like a spark that ignites an entire forest setting in motion destructive forces. Vs.5
 - B. Is capable of articulating the entire realm of STA-sponsored evil. Vs.6a
 - C. Incites the whole course of human existence. Vs.6b
 - D. Receives its spark from demonic influences. Vs.6c
 - E. Is not amenable to control and as with the STA impossible to completely control. Vss.7,8a
 - F. Is unstable and deadly. Vs.8b
 - G. It defiles the whole body. Mat.15:11

- V. The tongue is hypocritical to Divine viewpoint (Jam.3:9-10) and its duplicity is not conventional of the believer's divine nature (Jam.3:11-12 cp.Gal.6:7,8).

- VI. Lying and deceit are closely related verbal sins. Exo.20:16, the 8th Commandment - *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"*.
 - A. God cannot lie. Heb.6:18
 - B. Lying and deceit are an abomination to God. Psa.5:6; Pro.12:22
 - C. Lies will not endure. Pro.12:19
 - D. Wealth gained by lies leads to the sin unto death. Pro.21:6
 - E. Deceit is a function of the unprincipled rich. Psa.52
 - F. Lying and deceit are sins associated with national reversionism. Jer.5:27; 8:5,10
 - G. Deceit is a function of conspiracy. Pro.12:20
 - H. Lying conceals hatred. Pro.10:18; 26:24
 - I. Antichrist will employ deceit. Dan.8:25
 - J. The +V authority denies deceivers a place before him. Psa.101:7
 - K. Absence of deceit is a mark of maturity. Psa.32:2
 - L. Avoidance of deceit leads to a longer life. Psa.34:8-14 cp.55:23
 - M. We should pray for deliverance from deceitful people. Psa.144:7-11

- N. We should not lie to each other. Col.3:9
 - O. Jesus avoided deceit. Isa.53:9; 1Pet.2:22
 - P. We are to avoid this sin. Pro.4:24
- VII.** Flattery is closely associated with deceit and is a sin of the tongue.
- A. It is always associated with deceit. Psa.12:2; Pro.26:28; Rom.16:18
 - B. It is a function of the evil woman. Pro.2:16; 7:5,21
 - C. It is a function of the deceivers of the last days. Jud.16
 - D. There is more blessing for rebuke than flattery. Pro.28:23
 - E. It is something that is foreign to the mature believer. Job 32:21,22
 - F. It is not a function of the faithful communicator. 1The.2:5
 - G. God will cut off all flatterers. Psa.12:3
- VIII.** Gossip and slander are verbal sins. Rom.1:28-30
- A. Such activity was forbidden under the Law. Lev.19:16
 - B. A fool spreads slander. Pro.10:18
 - C. Slander destroys category 3 love; friendship. Pro.16:28; 17:9
 - D. Slanders will not be established. Psa.140:11
 - E. We are not to associate with such persons. Pro.20:19
 - F. Malicious gossips abound in the last days. 2Tim.3:1-3
 - G. Deacon's wives are not to be such. 1Tim.3:11
 - H. Older ladies are to avoid this. Tit.2:3
 - I. We are to isolate this sin. Eph.4:31; Col.3:8; 1Pet.2:1
 - J. Absence of this sin is a mark of spiritual maturity. Psa.15:3
- IX.** Boasting is a sin of the tongue. 1Sam.2:3; Jam.3:5
- A. Boasting in evil (Psa.52:1), wealth (Psa.49:6), idols (Psa.97:7), and men (1Cor.3:21).
 - B. It is a characteristic of the Rapture generation. 2Tim.3:2
 - C. Men at the end are enjoined to cease boasting. Psa.75
 - D. We are not to boast in tomorrow. Pro.27:1; Jam.4:13-17
 - E. Rather, we should boast in our knowledge and understanding of God's plan. Psa.20:7; 34:2; 44:8; Jer.9:23,24; 1Cor.1:31
- X.** Cursing is a sin of the tongue.
- A. It is associated with bitterness. Rom.3:14
 - B. It is directed towards God. Exo.20:7
 - C. Since man is created in the image of God, we are not to curse man. Jam.3:9-10
 - D. Job would not curse God. Job 2:9,10
- XI.** Complaining is a verbal sin demonstrating maladjustment to one's niche.
- A. The Exodus generation was constantly complaining due to reversionism. Exo.15:24; 16:2; Num.14:27; Deu.1:26,27; Psa.106:25
 - B. We are not to do as they did. 1Cor.10:10
 - C. God hears our complaining. Exo.16:7-9,12
 - D. Jesus was the object of this sin. Luk.5:30; 15:2; 19:7; Joh.6:41,61

- E. We are to do all things without complaining. Phi.2:14; 1Pet.4:9
 - F. We are not to complain against one another. Jam.5:9
- XII.** Sexually oriented language outside RM/RW designed to appeal to the phallic trend including cuteness and humor is another area that believers should avoid. Eph.5:3,4 "*...and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks*"; cp. 4:29; this includes speaking about what evil goes on behind closed doors, cf.5:12
- XIII.** Blasphemy is a verbal sin that includes reviling God's name (akin to cursing) and contradicting God's word (false doctrine is blasphemy).
- A. The King of Assyria committed this sin by telling the Jews that God could not deliver them. Isa.37:1-7
 - B. Israel's misfortunes, due to divine discipline, have led to Gentile blasphemy. Isa.52:5; Rom.2:24
 - C. Paul was, as an unbeliever, the greatest sinner due to his blasphemy. 1Tim.1:13,15
 - D. The Antichrist is a super blasphemer. Rev.13:5,6
 - E. The doctrines of false religion constitute blasphemy. Rev.17:1-3
 - F. All blasphemy is subject to forgiveness except rejection of Christ. Mat.12:31
- XIV.** Some other abuses of speech to guard against.
- A. Unfulfilled promises. Deu.23:23; Psa.15:4; Ecc.5:4,5
 - B. Rash and impudent speech. Pro.15:28; 29:20
 - C. Many words. Pro.10:19; 15:2; Ecc.5:2,3,7; 10:14
- XV.** God protects the positive believer from the attack of the tongue. Job 5:21; Psa.31:20; 120
- XVI.** Divine discipline awaits those that do not control their speech. Pro.10:31; 11:11; 21:23
- XVII.** The tongue of the powerful and ruthless.
- A. BD recognizes the existence of the ruthless and oppressive. Pro.30:11-14
 - B. Their mouth conceals violence. Pro.10:6
 - C. David prayed for protection from such men. Psa.57:4-6; 64; 140
 - D. They constantly plot against the righteous. Psa.37:12
 - E. God is opposed to them. Pro.8:13
 - F. The perverted tongue will be stopped. Pro.10:31
- XVIII.** The prayer of the +V, God-fearing believer with respect to speech: Psa.141:3 "*Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.*"