



Word Study on "Mouth"

Mouth – here we are talking about our speaking organs.

Scripture Word Study: *Mouth, Tongue or Voice* (James 3 and Psalms 34)

Please read the following passages and answer the associated questions.

- (1) James 3:1-2 Who is judged more strictly? _____
- (2) James 3:3 What can we do with a bit in the mouth of a horse? _____
- (3) James 3:4 What can turn a great ship? _____
- (4) James 3:5-6 What is the tongue? _____
- (5) James 3:7 Man has done what with all kinds of animals? _____
- (6) James 3:8 Who has tamed his own tongue? _____
- (7) James 3:9-10 What comes out of the same mouth? _____
- (8) James 3:11-12 What does not grow on fig trees? _____
- (9) Explain James 3:1-12. *Think & Pray* _____

- (10) Ps 34:1 | Eph 5:20 How often should we give thanks? _____
- (11) Ps 34:1 | 1 Thess 5:18 For what should we give thanks? _____
- (12) Ps 34:2 | 1 Cor 1:31 What should we boast about? _____
- (13) Ps 34:3 | Luke 1:46 What should we exalt? _____
- (14) Ps 34:4-7 | Matt 7:7 If we seek God, what can we expect? _____
- (15) Ps 34:8 | Heb 6:5 With what sense can we detect God's goodness? _____
- (16) Ps 34:8 | 1 Pet 2:3 With what sense can we detect God's kindness? _____
- (17) Ps 34:9-13 | 1 Pet 3:10-12 If you want good do what with your tongue? _____
- (18) Ps 34:9-13 | James 1:26 If you do not control your tongue what is your religion worth? _____
- (19) Ps 34:9-13 | 1 Pet 2:21-23 What was not found in Christ's mouth? _____
- (20) Ps 34:14 | Rom 14:19 What should we seek? _____
- (21) Ps 34:14 | Heb 12:14 With whom should we seek peace? _____
- (22) What does Psalm 34 teach us about our mouth? *Think & Pray* _____

----- "MOUTH" POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

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- (1) James 3:1-2 Who is judged more strictly? Teachers
- (2) James 3:3 What can we do with a bit in the mouth of a horse? Control the whole horse
- (3) James 3:4 What can turn a great ship? The small rudder
- (4) James 3:5-6 What is the tongue? A fire
- (5) James 3:7 Man has done what with all kinds of animals? Tamed them
- (6) James 3:8 Who has tamed his own tongue? No one
- (7) James 3:9-10 What comes out of the same mouth? Blessing and cursing
- (8) James 3:11-12 What does not grow on fig trees? Olives

- (9) Explain James 3:1-12. If I had a nickel for everything I have said that I would like to take back, I would be a wealthy man. Words are like bullets. Once you have fired them, there is no way to change what they have done. Very seldom do people just go from sitting around minding their own business to grievous sin in the matter of a few minutes. Most of the time we think about it, then we talk about it, and finally we do it. Of course, sometimes, talking is the sin, as is the case with gossip. Either way, I think James is saying we would get in a lot less trouble if we nipped it in the bud, and were careful what we talk about. If we never say it, we probably won't do it.

- (10) Ps 34:1 | Eph 5:20 How often should we give thanks? Continually, always
- (11) Ps 34:1 | 1 Thess 5:18 For what should we give thanks? Everything
- (12) Ps 34:2 | 1 Cor 1:31 What should we boast about? The Lord
- (13) Ps 34:3 | Luke 1:46 What should we exalt? The name of the Lord
- (14) Ps 34:4-7 | Matt 7:7 If we seek God, what can we expect? An answer, a blessing
- (15) Ps 34:8 | Heb 6:5 With what sense can we detect God's goodness? Taste
- (16) Ps 34:8 | 1 Pet 2:3 With what sense can we detect God's kindness? Taste
- (17) Ps 34:9-13 | 1 Pet 3:10-12 If you want good do what with your tongue? Avoid evil
- (18) Ps 34:9-13 | James 1:26 If you do not control your tongue what is your religion worth? Nothing
- (19) Ps 34:9-13 | 1 Pet 2:21-23 What was not found in Christ's mouth? Deceit or reviling
- (20) Ps 34:14 | Rom 14:19 What should we seek? Peace and encouragement & edification of others
- (21) Ps 34:14 | Heb 12:14 With whom should we seek peace? All men

(22) What does Psalm 34 teach us about our mouth?

Praise should be in our mouths continually. vs. 1

If we boast out loud those who hear it (the humble) will rejoice vs. 2

It is with our mouth that we are able to join with others in the fellowship of worship vs. 3

Those who cry out with their mouth will be heard vs. 6-7

In some spiritual or metaphorical sense we are able to taste God's goodness. vs. 8

If we desire God's blessings we should control what we say vs. 11-14

God will hear what we say with our mouths because of the righteousness of Jesus Christ vs. 15-18

For further thought:

[23] If someone asked your advice about how to take more control over their own tongue, what would you say?