

- d. It brings destruction to every part of life v.6d.
- e. It is inspired by the devil. v. 6e.
- f. It is uncontrollable by human nature v. 7,8a.
- g. It habitually brings injury to others v.8b.
- h. It habitually brings death va. 8c.

3. The uses of the tongue 9-12.

- a. Proper use v. 9a
It is used as an instrument to praise God for His power and love.
- b. Improper use v.9b-12.
It is used as an instrument to invoke evil on man who is made in the image of God.

Note: These two uses of the tongue are inconsistent and since ~~that~~^{such an} inconsistency is impossible in all the rest of God's creation, it is also impossible in the highest of God's creation which is man. Therefore, if the tongue is used as an instrument to invoke evil on man, it cannot be used as an instrument to praise God. Thus, if any praise comes forth from it, that praise is phony. vs. 10-12.

C. Discussion of true and false wisdom. vs.13-18.

1.. False wisdom vs. 14-16.

a. Origin of false wisdom vs. 15

(1) Negatively

It is not from God. v. 15a

(2) Positively

It is from the earth, from our own nature, and from demons. v. 15b.

b. Characteristics of false wisdom vs. 14.

(1) Bitter jealousy

(2) Selfish ambition

c. Results of false wisdom vs. 16

(1) Disorder

(2) Every kind of evil work.