

James 3:3~ If we put bridles in the mouths of horses for them to obey us, we manage also their whole body.

1· James now shows how a man takes a bridle and makes even a powerful beast like a horse, which is much larger than a man, obey him, by placing the bridle into a sensitive area of the horse's mouth. The allusion here is that we can control a horse's entire body through his mouth, and therefore we must also gain control of our own mouths.

[Question] How do men make powerful animals like a horse obey them?

[Question] What is the allusion to here, and therefore what must we control?

2· A whip is for the horse, a bridle is for the ass, and the rod is for the back of stupid people. (Proverbs 26:3)

[Question] How do various ones choose to respond to discipline?

3· Do not make yourselves like a horse or mule without understanding, whose spiritedness is to be curbed even by bridle or halter, before they will come near to you. (Psalms 32:9)

[Question] Should men become like animals, who have to be forced to obey a master?