

**James 3:4~** Look! Even boats, although they are so big and are driven by hard winds, are steered by a very small rudder to where the inclination of the man at the helm wishes.

**1·** James now makes a second illustration that of a ship that is steered into a new course by a very small rudder at the stern, and then the ship goes wherever the man at the helm steering it wishes. The allusion here is that our tongue is a very small member of the body, and yet it controls the direction of the entire body and even our life course, and we must have it under control to go where we want to go in life.

**[Question]** What second illustration now does James make?

**[Question]** What small member also controls the direction of man's life on earth, and so how must we treat it?

**2·** So, cutting away the anchors, they let them fall into the sea, at the same time loosing the lashings of the **rudder** oars and, after hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. (**Acts of Apostles 27:40**)

**[Question]** How did they treat the rudder, when in strong storms to keep it from moving?