

# Potential of Perfection

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TEXT: James 3:2

Self interests prevent perfection.

Perfection is unattainable if our only motivation is self-centered; our motivation must be God-centered. For a life to be God-centered, it must first be God-sensitive.

Genesis 10:12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

John 10:1 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

## I. A Proudful City - “*The Same is a Great City*” Gen. 10:12

*definition of Resen: to curb, restrain ----- halter, bridle*

halt: hesitance, imperfect progress

### a. Nineveh---Resen---Calah

Jonah 1:2; 3:2, 3; 4:11

### b. Calah---to be complete, maturity, full {old} age

Job 5:26; 30:2

### c. Ham ---the middle son of Noah

Shem Ham Japheth

*definition of Ham: to enflame self*

Ps. 105:23, 27; 106:22

## II. A Pitiful Case - “The Same is a Thief and a Robber”

Acting through motives of self interest alone is highly criminal before God.

Lk.10:30-37

1. Thieves —what’s yours is mine—I’ll take it.
2. Priest and Levite —what’s mine is mine—I’ll keep it.
3. Good Samaritan —what’s mine is yours—I’ll give it.

## III. A Perfect Man - “The Same is a Perfect Man”

1. Offend not in word v.2
2. Bridle the whole body “““
3. A wise man—*good, clear, honest thinking* v.13
4. Endued with knowledge “““
5. A good conversation—*behavior, conduct* “““
6. Meekness of wisdom—*character* “““