

The Evil of Character Assassination

James 4:11-12

(series #18)

Intro: the priceless value of reputation or name

- Proverbs 22:1

- Ecclesiastes 7:1

- Ps. 29:2; 34:3; 105:1; 111:9

I. The Command not to Speak Evil v. 11a

A. Psalm 6:16-19

B. Revelation 12:10

C. 2nd Samuel 10:1-19; 11:1

II. The Connections with Speaking Evil v. 11b

A. Gossip and Slander

1. Gossip is spreading a true story

2. Slander is spreading false stories

B. Speaking evil involves judging a brother

C. Speaking evil is judging the law

III. The Rebuke Against Pride v. 12

A. We are not God

B. We are to guard against being judgmental

Conclusion: The seriousness of this offense