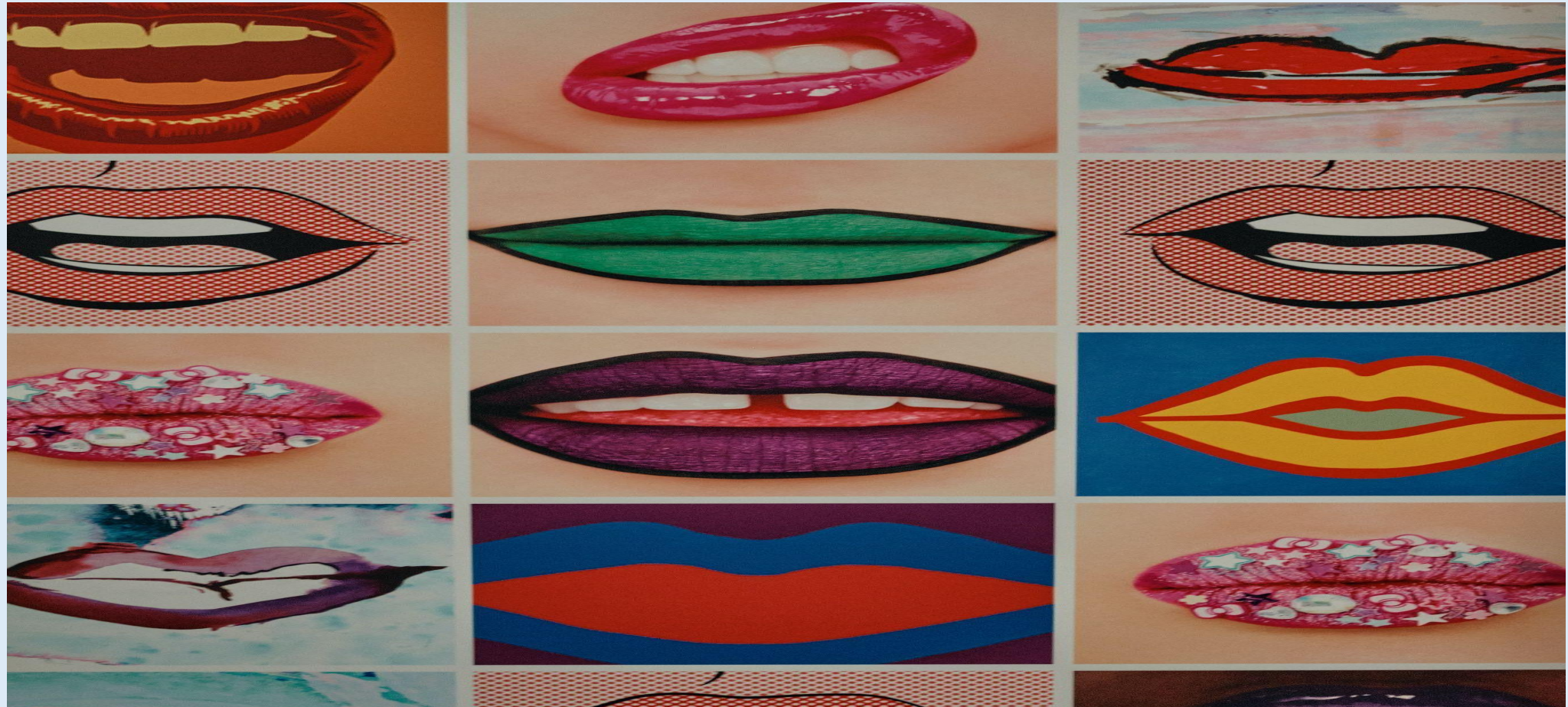


Choosing Your Tongue

Centering will begin at 7:05pm



Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

Question:

What are some biblical lessons, sermons or Bible studies you have absorbed over the years concerning the tongue?



Thesis:

Understandings of the tongue sometimes articulated in the church are fragmented, singular or one dimensional.

A more dynamic biblical understanding of the tongue resembles a buffet or clothes wardrobe.



Literal

Jdg 7:5

So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, “Everyone who laps from the water with his *tongue*, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink.”



Figurative vs. Literal

Can you identify which verse is using a literal understanding and which verse is using a figurative understanding?

Mark 7:33-35

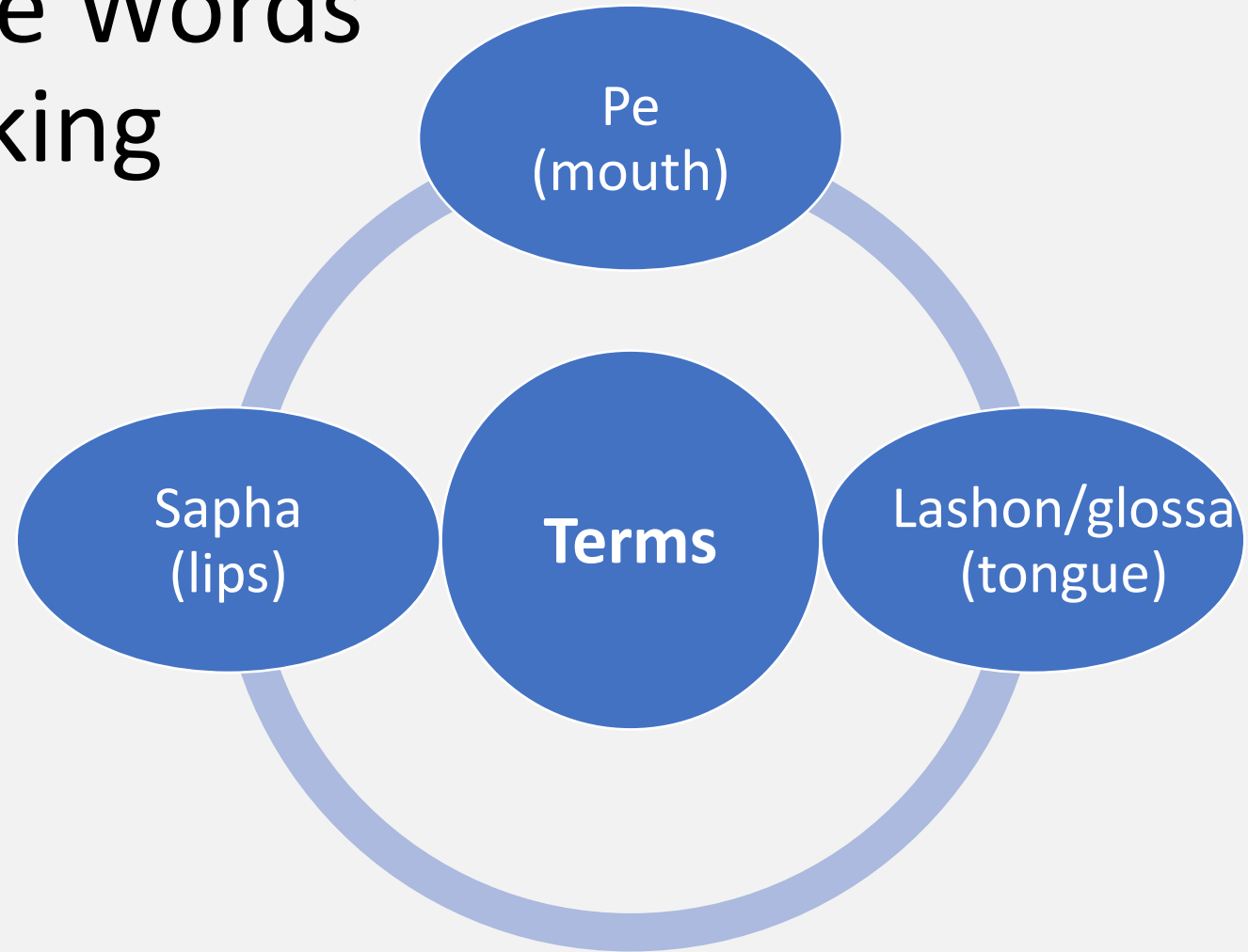
33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his **tongue**.

34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his **tongue** was loosed, and he spoke plainly.



Figurative Words for Speaking



A Biblical Paradigm for the Tongue

Lense for Seeing

Tongue & Free Will

*For your iniquity teaches your mouth,
And you choose the tongue of the crafty.*

Job 15:5

כִּי יֵאָלֵף עֲוֹנְךָ פִּיךָ וְתִבְחַר לְשׁוֹן עֲרוּמִים:

*So likewise you, unless you utter by τῆς γλώσσης
/הלשון **the tongue** words easy to understand, how
will it be known what is spoken? For you will be
speaking into the air.*

1Co 14:13

*Therefore let him who speaks in **a tongue** לשון
pray that he may interpret.*



Tongue & Divine Will

Exo 4:10

Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

Exo 4:11

So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?”



Tongue & Divine Will

Isa 6:5-7

So I said:

“Woe is me, for I am undone!

Because I am a man of unclean lips,

And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King,

The LORD of hosts.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal
which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;

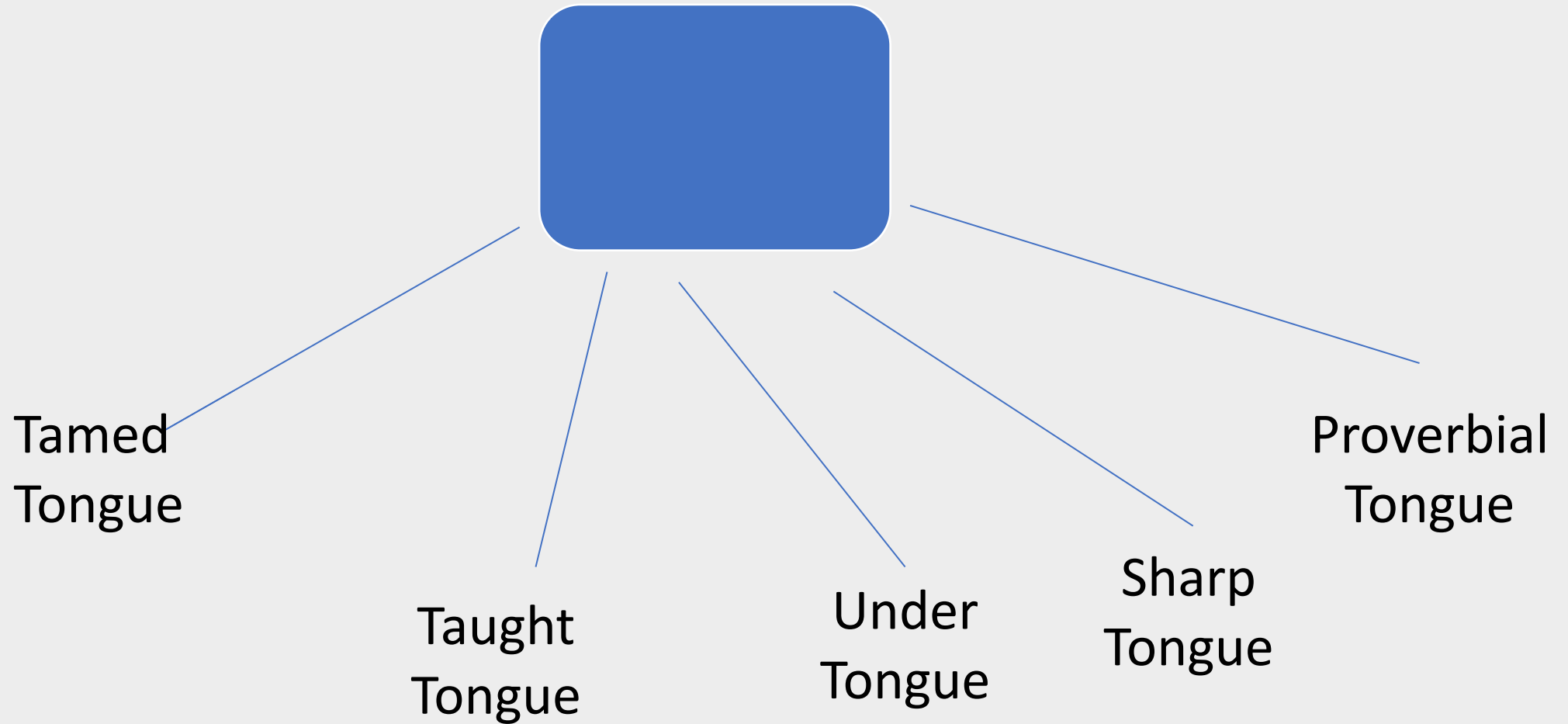
Your iniquity is taken away,

And your sin purged.”



Biblical Tongue Options

Choose Your Tongue



Tamed Tongue

Description: A tongue that is restrained in particularly tempting/challenging circumstances

How to Change into it: Strategic Silence



Tamed Tongue

James 3:7-9

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Psa 34:13

*Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking deceit.*



Tamed Tongue

Pro 21:23

*Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.*

Job 6:24

*“Teach me, and I will hold my tongue;
Cause me to understand wherein I have erred.*

1Pe 3:10

For

*“He who would love life
And see good days,
Let him refrain his tongue from evil,
And his lips from speaking deceit.*



Tamed Tongue

Psa 39:1

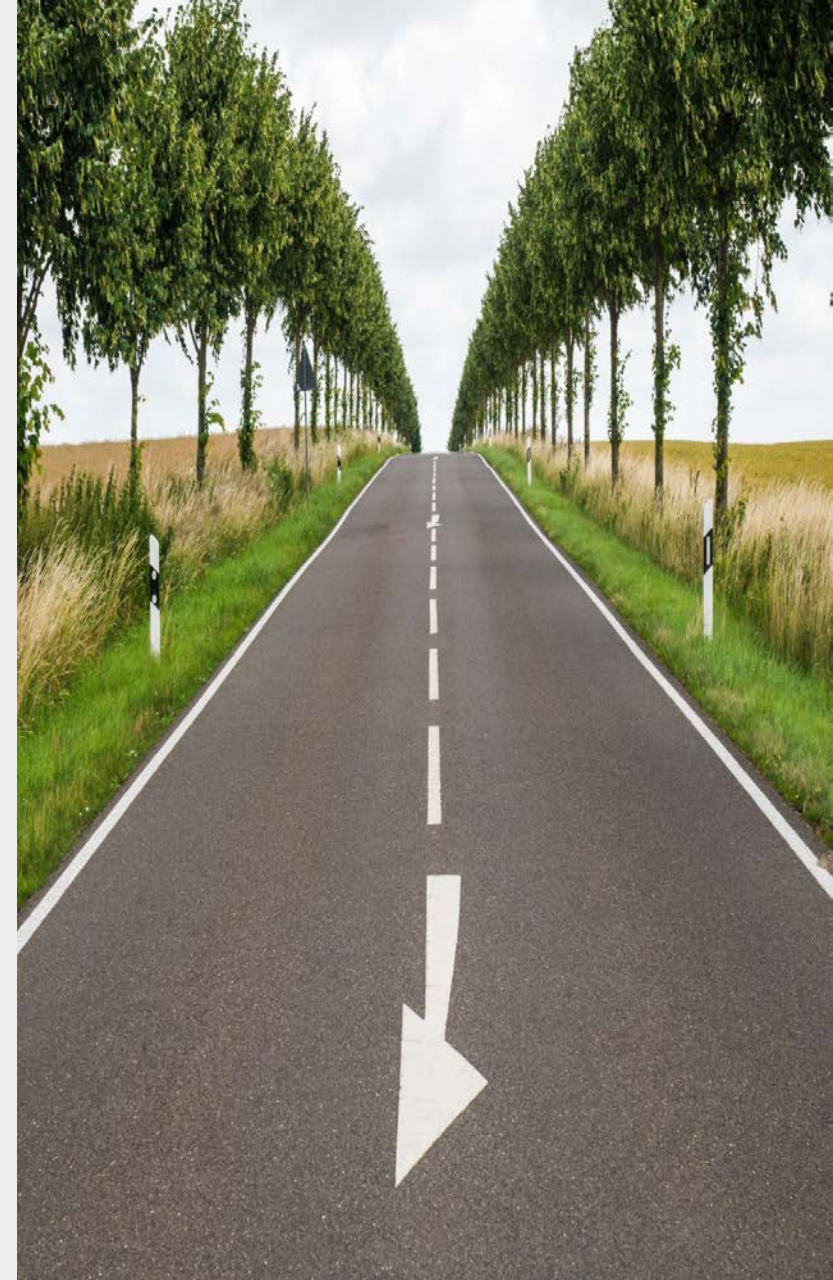
I said, "I will guard my ways,
Lest I sin with my tongue;
I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle,
While the wicked are before me."



Taught Tongue

Description: A tongue that releases divine wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

How to Change into it: Openness while dwelling in the Presence (spirit filled silence, meditation, prayer, study, fellowship, service)



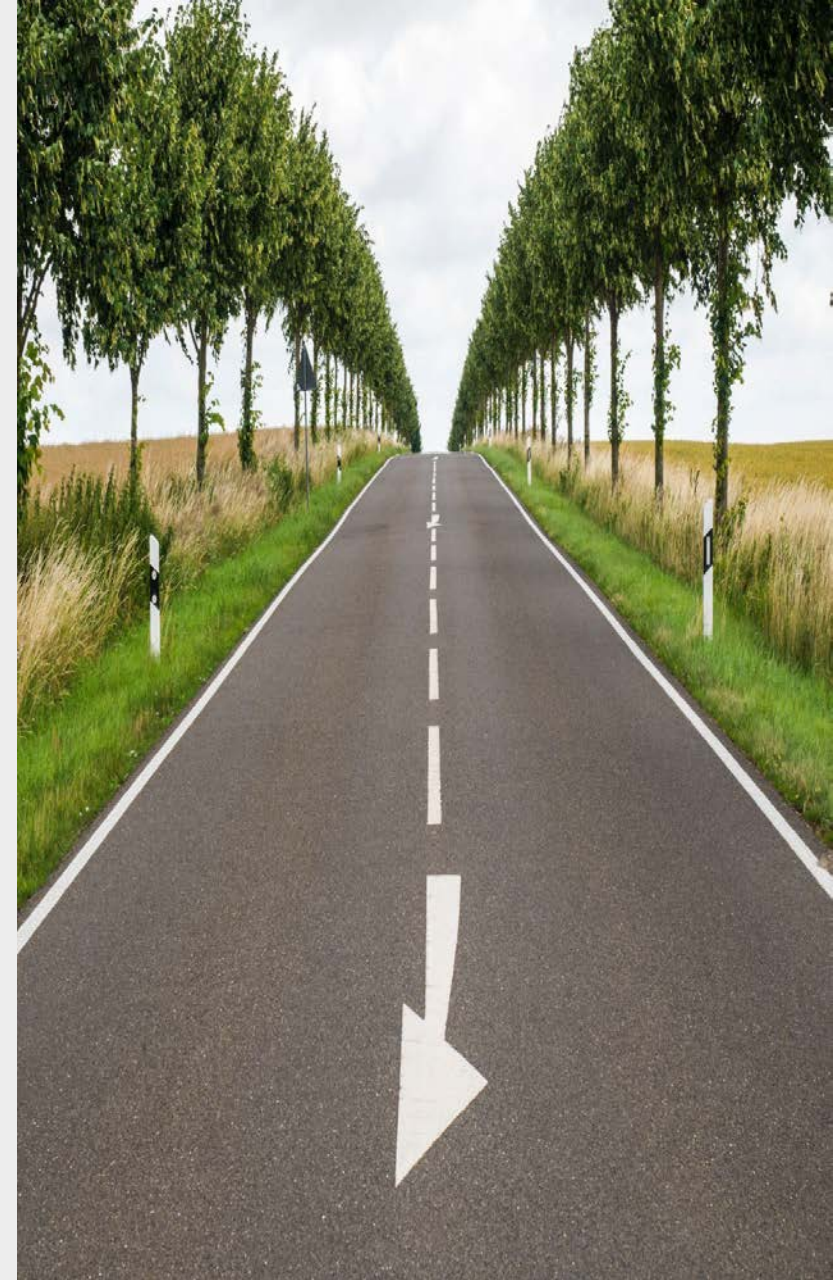
Taught Tongue

Isa 50:4

*“The Lord GOD has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to him who is weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.*

2Sa 23:2

*“The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,
And His word was on my tongue.*



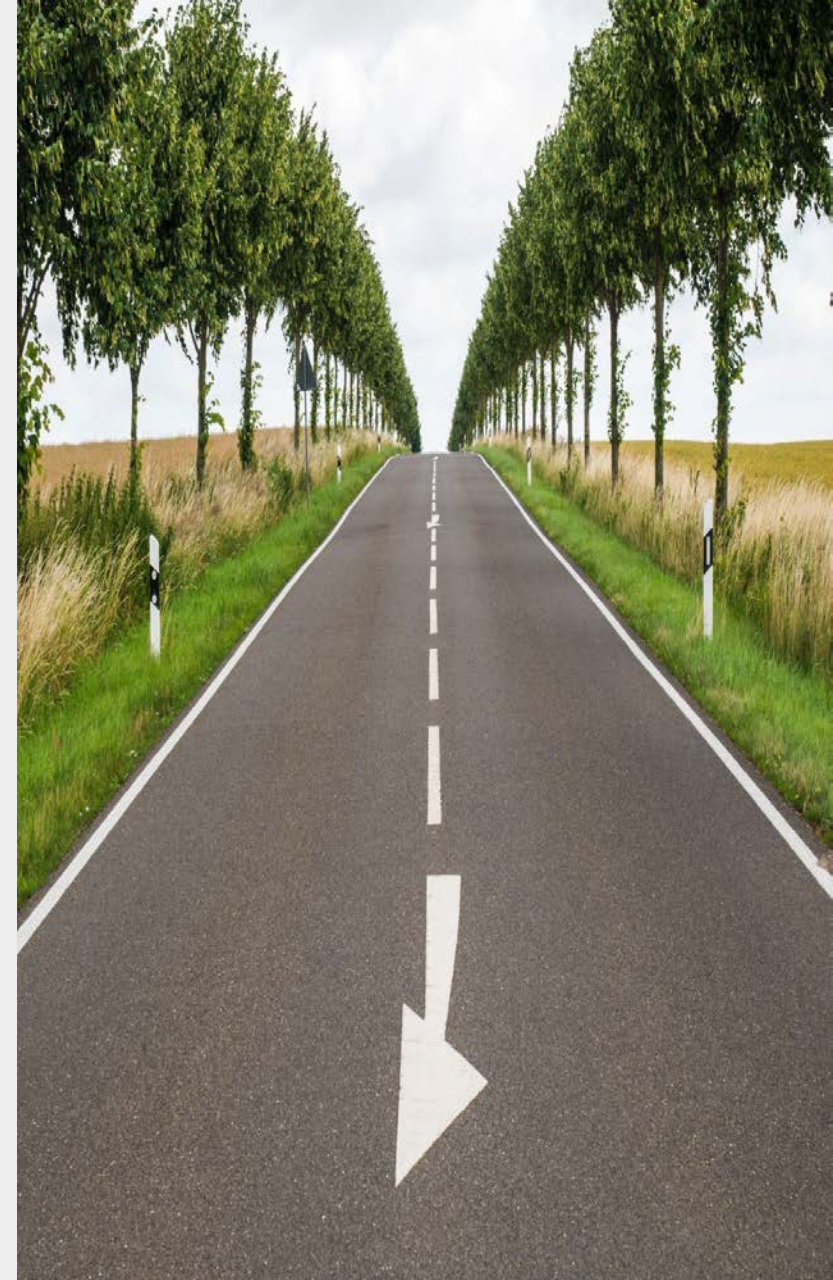
Taught Tongue

Exo 4:12

“Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

Exo 4:13

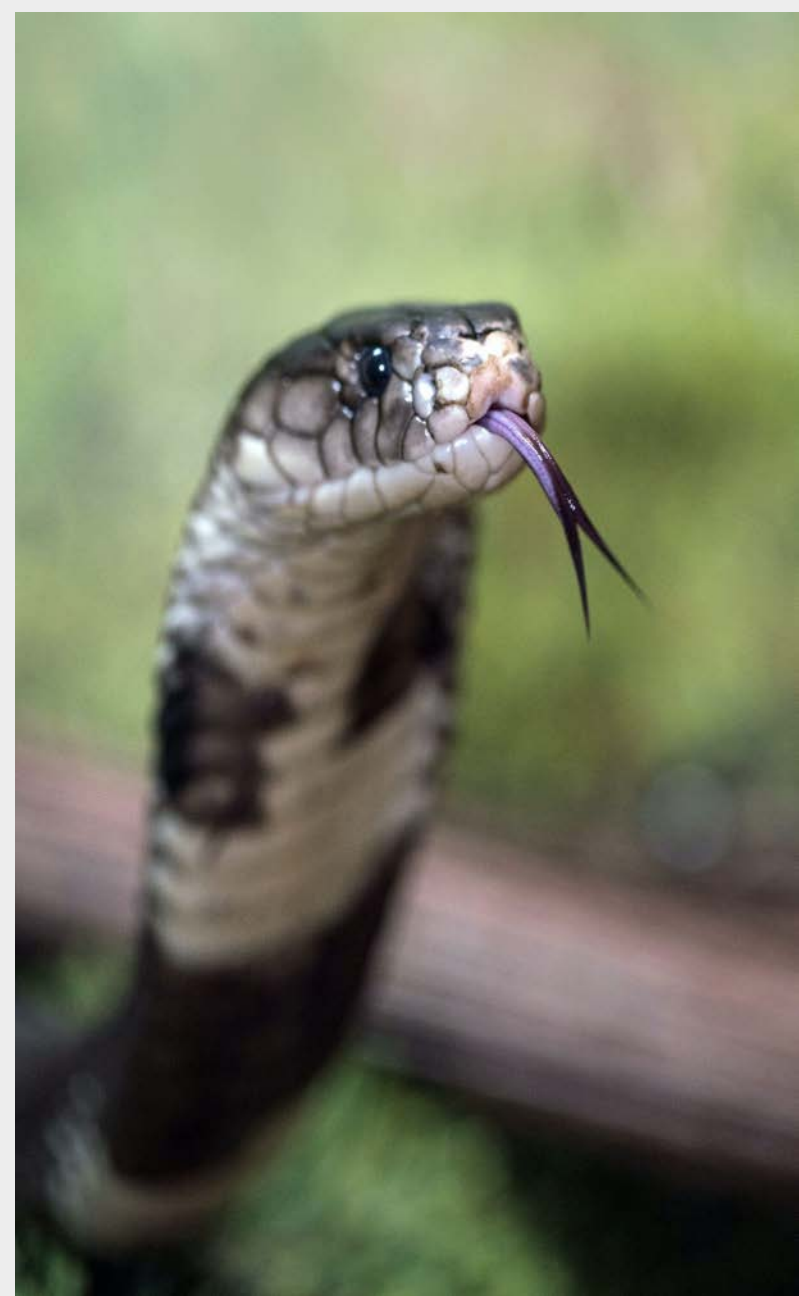
But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.”



Under Tongue

*Description: A tongue that conceals nefarious/
evil/ jealous/ ungodly intentions.*

*How to Change into it: Lying to one's self and/or
neglecting repentance/confession.*



Under Tongue

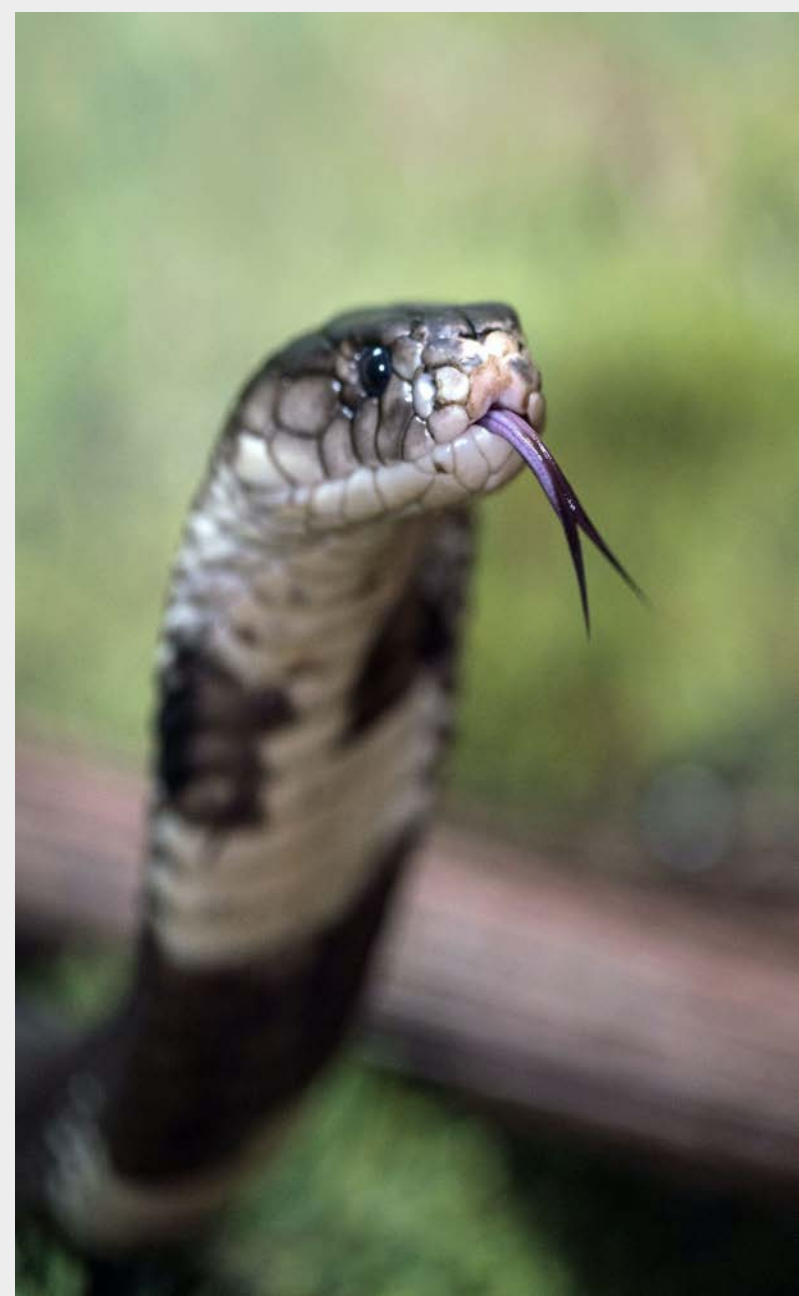
Psa 78:36

*Nevertheless they flattered Him with their
mouth,
And they lied to Him with their tongue;*

Job 20:12

*“Though evil is sweet in his mouth,
And he hides it under his tongue,*

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Under Tongue

Psa 10:7

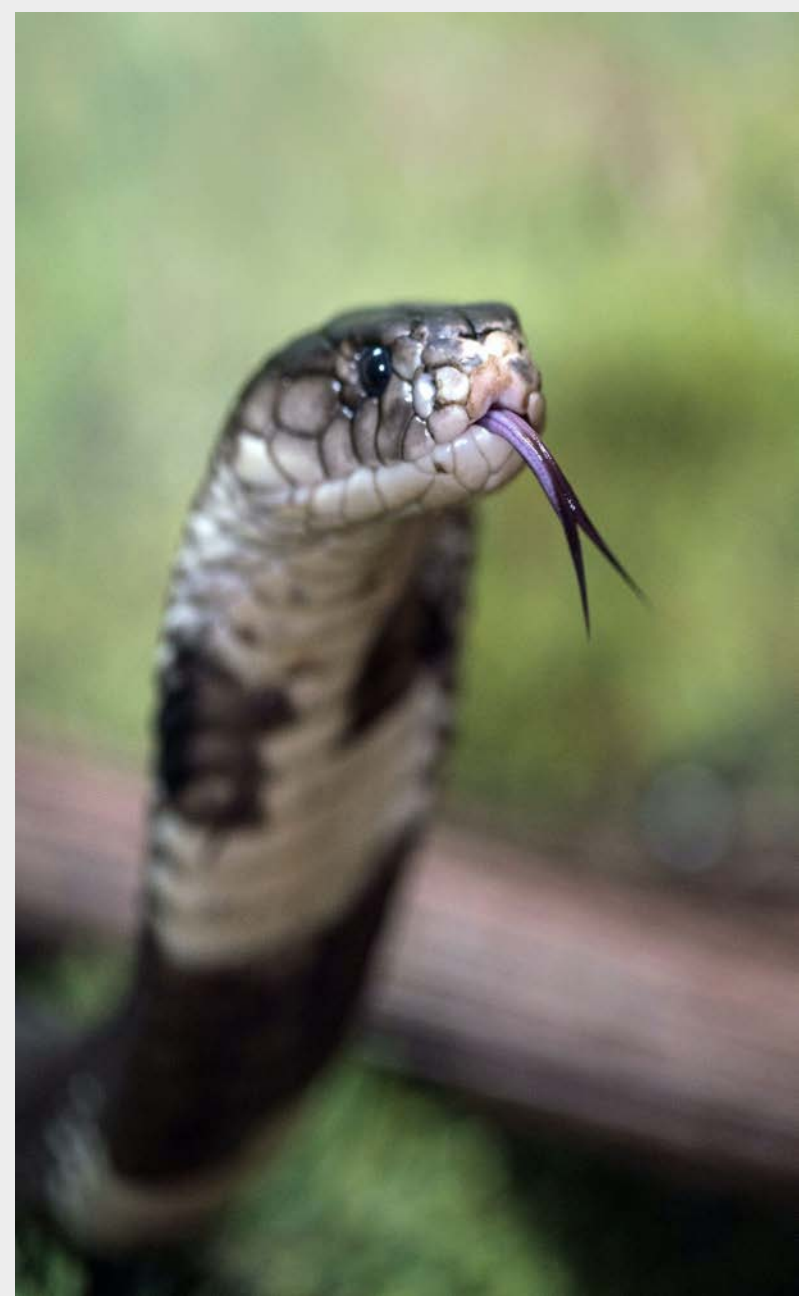
*His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and
oppression;*

Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

10:7 אָלָה פִּיהוּ מְלֵא וּמַרְמוֹת וְתַךְ תַּחַת לְשׁוֹנוֹ עֲמָל
וְאִוֵּן:

Mat 15:8

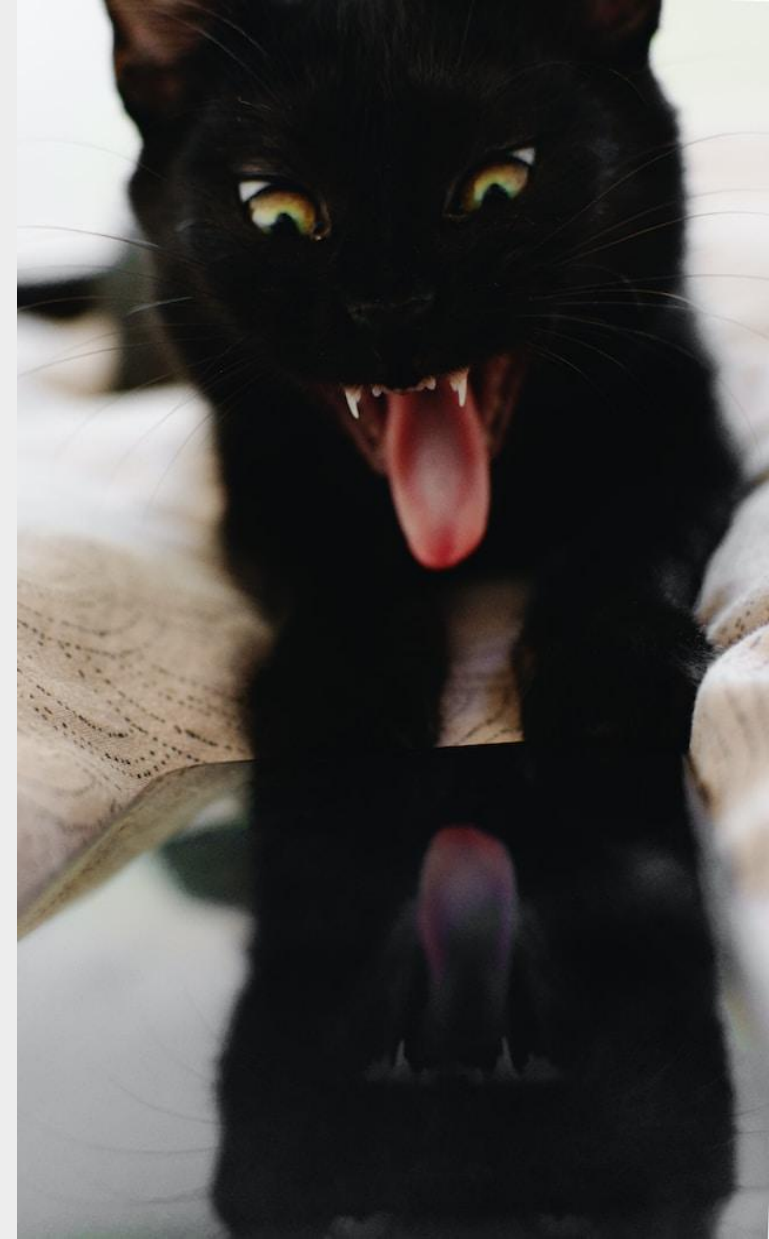
*'These people draw near to Me with their
mouth,
And honor Me with their lips,
But their heart is far from Me.*



Sharp Tongue

Description: A tongue that hurts and destroys.

How to Change into it: meditating/ focusing on another's demise/ destruction/ deficiency.



Sharp Tongue

Pro 12:18

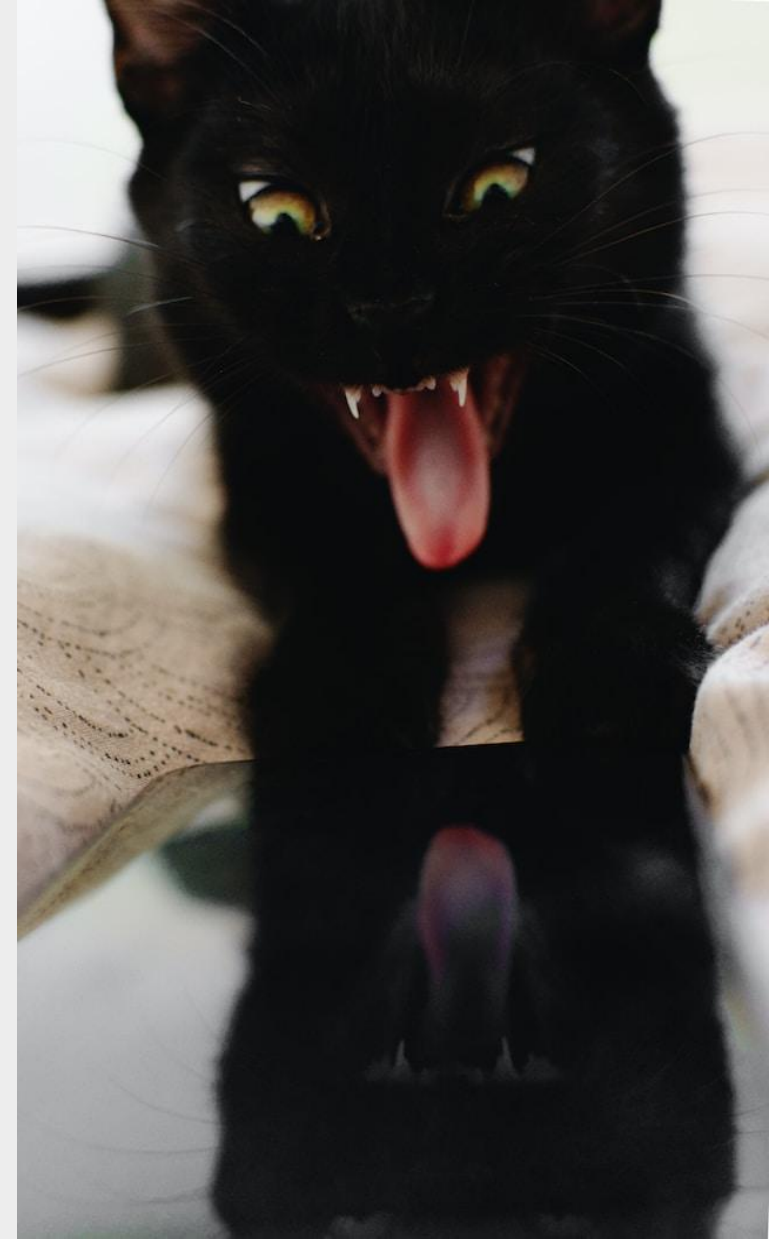
*There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword,
But the tongue of the wise promotes health.*

Psa 52:2

*Your tongue devises destruction,
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.*

Psa 52:4

*You love all devouring words,
You deceitful tongue.*



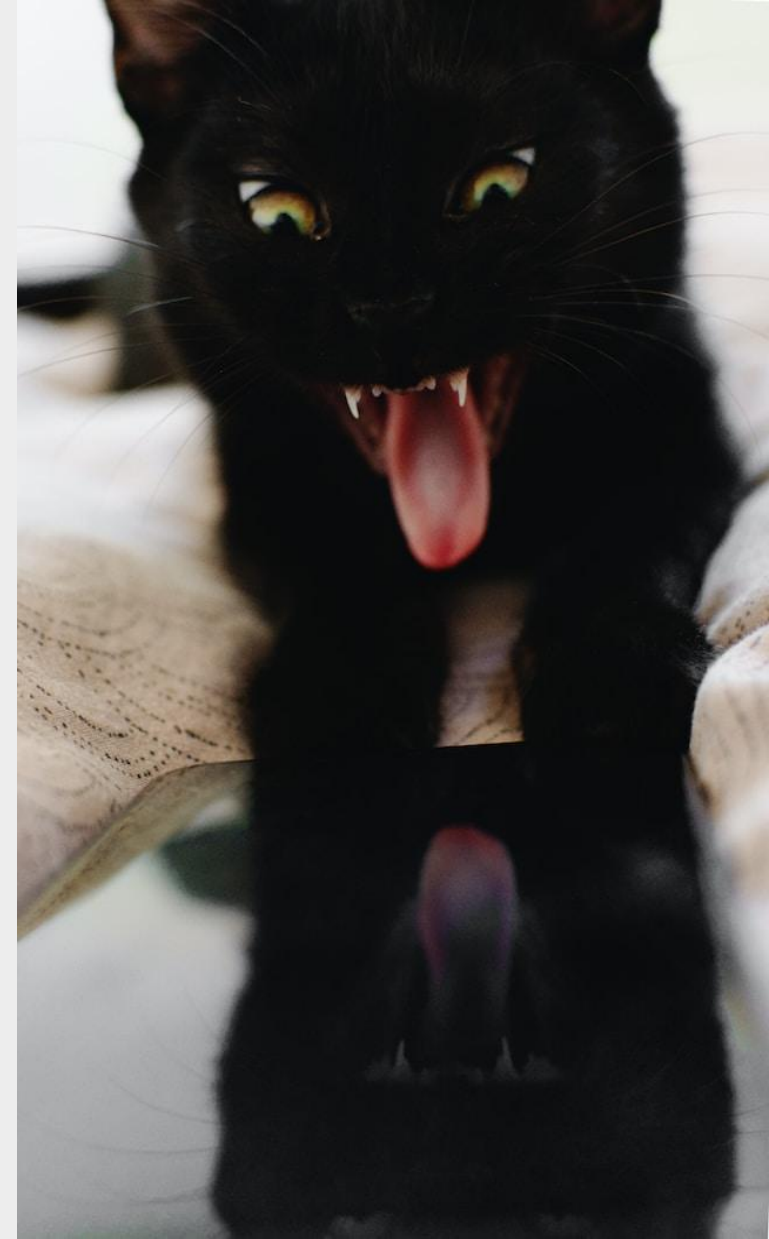
Sharp Tongue

Psa 57:4

*My soul is among lions;
I lie among the sons of men
Who are set on fire,
Whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.*

Psa 64:3

*Who sharpen their tongue like a sword,
And bend their bows to shoot their arrows—bitter
words,*



Proverbial Tongue

Description: A tongue that speaks in images, allegorical, metaphorical and/or paradoxical language.

How to Change into it: dream incubation, biblical meditation, and/or dwelling in subconscious states and bring that language to the conscious realm.



Proverbial Tongue

Mat 13:10-11

And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

Mat 13:35

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

*“I will open My mouth in parables;
I will utter things kept secret from the foundation
of the world.”*

