

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Psalm 12:2 *"Everyone lies to his neighbour;*

*their flattering lips speak with deception."*

James 3:5 *"Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark."*

Sir Walter Scott. *"O, what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive!"*

'To tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.' So goes the classic courtroom oath but that is so difficult for us. We hide behind lies and untruths to protect ourselves or those we love. Or we tell people what they want to hear or to curry favour.

These are all deceptions but they don't fool God. If we truly want to walk with Him we must guard our tongues, curb unfounded accusations and only speak the truth.