

That's why our Jewish commentator, Mordechai Gafni, tells us the Talmud itself suggests that committing adultery on the altar of an idolatrous temple on Yom Kippur while eating a ham sandwich does not begin to approach the severity of the prohibition against gossip and slander!

MALICIOUS GOSSIP is the sin that bears Satan's name—
diabolos!

It's the sin Satan loves!

JAMES' QUESTION:

"BUT WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE ANOTHER?"

BUT WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TO JUDGE ANOTHER?

The Sin Satan Loves!

James 4:11-12

Introduction:

- **Jewish commentator Mordechai Gafni's description ...**
- **Shakespeare's** description of this sin:

Its Old Testament or Hebrew name is

_____.

In the New Testament it is known by one of the names of Satan himself—**DIABOLOS**.

There are **two salient points** concerning this sin in these verses:

1. Its Definition in Principle

2. Its Description in Process

1. ITS DEFINITION IN PRINCIPLE

A. What It Is Not

The prohibition against slander does not forbid any of those actions elsewhere specifically commanded and commended in Scripture.

- 1) It is NOT referring to reproof and rebuke

- 2) It is NOT referring to warning or admonition

- 3) It is NOT referring to the process of N. T. discipline

- 4) It is NOT referring to withdrawing from the disorderly brother

- 5) It is NOT referring to the public exposure of a sinning elder

- 6) It is NOT referring to the expulsion of a divisive man

B. What It Is

“Do not speak evil of one another”

KATALALEO, Compound verb:

Kata , preposition meaning _____; Laleo, the verb meaning _____.

So literally: *“Do not speak against another”*

2. ITS DESCRIPTION (DELINEATION) IN PROCESS

To show how slander works in process, James works through four dimensions or categories:

A. The one who Administers the law—Lawgiver

B. The one who Adjudicates the law—Judge

C. The one who Adheres to the law—Doer of the law

D. The one who Abuses the law—Slanderer!

His reasoning is very Old Testament, very Jewish, but the logic is inexorable.

AGAINST HIS ARGUMENT THERE IS NO ANSWER.

WHEN YOU SPEAK EVIL OF ANOTHER, YOU ARE:

- TAKING _____.

- IMPUGNING HIS _____,

- USURPING HIS _____,

- DENYING HIM AS LAWGIVER!