

# Psalms 94:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

## Analysis

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The imagery of speech gushing forth (naba—pour out, bubble up) depicts unrestrained arrogant talk. 'Hard things' (atak) refers to insolent, presumptuous speech against God and His people. The self-aggrandizement of 'all the workers of iniquity' (po'ale aven) boasting themselves (yit'amaru) shows the connection between evil deeds and arrogant speech. This verse identifies verbal pride—boasting, blasphemy, and presumptuous talk—as evidence of deeper wickedness. James 3:5-6 echoes this concern about the tongue's destructive power.

## Historical Context

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Oppressive rulers often justified their actions through propaganda and self-exaltation, a pattern visible from ancient empires to modern totalitarian regimes.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the speech of those around you reveal their hearts toward God and righteousness?

2. What controls your tongue—humility before God or self-promotion?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל	יִתְאַמֵּר וְ	עֵת קִ	יִדְבֹּר וְ	יָב יַעוּ
<b>boast</b>	<b>and speak</b>	<b>hard things</b>	<b>How long shall they utter</b>	
H3605	H559	H6277	H1696	H5042
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אֲוִי:	פִּי עָלִי			
<b>of iniquity</b>	<b>and all the workers</b>			
H205	H6466			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 31:18** (Parallel theme): Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

**Psalms 52:1** (Parallel theme): Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.