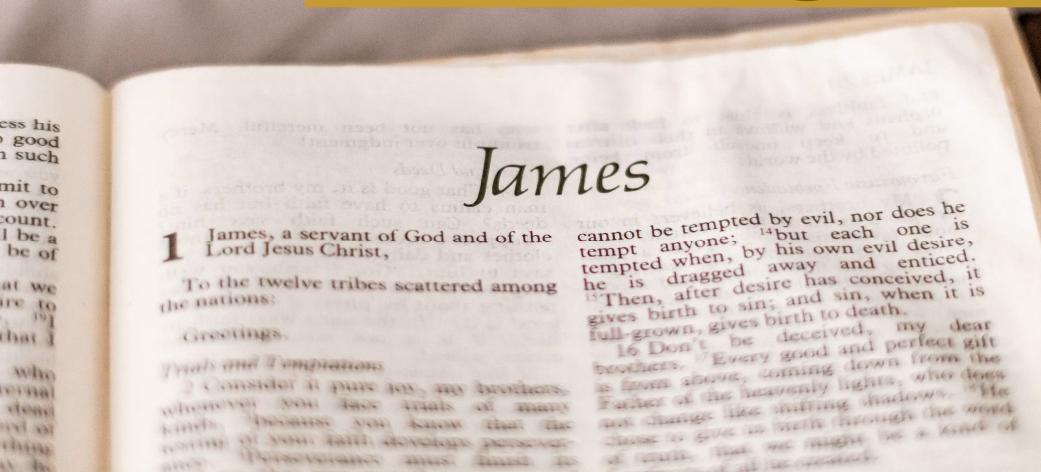




THE BOOK OF JAMES

Producing a **LIVING FAITH**



The κεφαλαια Structure of James:

Prologue – 1:1-18

Thematic Statement – 1:19-20

- 1) Swift to Hear 1:21-2:26
- 2) Slow to Speak 3:1-18
- 3) Slow to Wrath 4:1-5:18

Epilogue 5:19-20

REVIEW: Producing a LIVING Faith

- A faith that is mature vv. 2-4
- A faith that is undivided vv. 5-8
- A faith that is wealthy vv. 9-11
- A faith that is rewarded vv. 12-15
- A faith that has begotten us vv. 16-18

Producing a LIVING Faith Being “quick to hear”

(James 2:1-7)

“To have an impartial FAITH”



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DALLAS, TX — Outrage is spreading through a local church after their pastor allegedly started charging \$500 for "season passes" that reserve a spot in the good front-row seats all year long.

According to the fictional report, Pastor Marcus Devlin, 50, of New Beacon Worship Center announced the passes from the pulpit, holding up a laminated seating chart he described as "the prem

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The scene reportedly unraveled through the morning:

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

Observations:

- The standard v. 1 – NO partiality!
- 1) The faith – The prescriptive practice of the believer.
- 2) The Lord – Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
- 3) The issue – Partiality (cf. Lev. 19:15) = treating someone a certain way based on wrong motivations.

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

Observations:

➤ The scenario v. 2 –

- Someone coming into the synagogue.

Man #1: wealthy, influential.

Man #2: poor, needy.

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

Observations:

➤ The sin v. 3 –

- 1) “pay attention” (ἐπιβλέψετε) = look upon
- 2) Special treatment v. 3a
- 3) Mistreatment v. 3b

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

Observations:

➤ The state v. 4 –

- 1) Showing partiality v. 4a
- 2) Judges with evil thoughts v. 4b

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

Observations:

➤ The switch (DVP) v. 5 –

- God chose the poor to be
1) Rich in faith.

2) Heirs of the kingdom.

- Comparing God's impartiality (cf. Ex. 20:6)

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

Observations:

➤ The switch (HVP) v. 6 –

- “but you” chose the poor to be:
 - Dishonored.
- “but you” chose the rich to be:
 - Honored.
 - The oppressors, and accusers!

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

Observations:

➤ The slander v. 7 –

- “do they not blaspheme that noble name”
 - “by which you are called?”
- Partiality or favoritism violates the Divine perspective believers should have.

Summary:

Divine Viewpoint on partiality:

- 1) The standard v. 1
- 2) The scenario v. 2
- 3) The sin v. 3
- 4) The state v. 4
- 5) The switch (DVP) v. 5
- 6) The switch (HVP) v. 6
- 7) The slander v. 7

Application/Summary:

➤ A challenge for myself... shared with you:

- 1) “let the Holy Spirit search you out”
- 2) “humble yourself and do what God desires of His children”
- 3) “learn to worship God in a worthy manner”

Application/Summary:

1) “let the Holy Spirit search you out”

- What is the value of human life?
- What determines value?
- What is my value system based on?
- Who do I value more than others?

Application/Summary:

2) “humble yourself and do what God desires of His children”

- Adopt God’s perspective of human life and what makes someone valuable.
- Confess the sin of partiality.

Application/Summary:

3) “learn to worship God in a worthy manner”

- Grow in the knowledge of God’s word:
 - Concerning human life.
 - Concerning partiality.
 - Concerning love.
 - Concerning the faith.

- Be doers of God’s word.



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