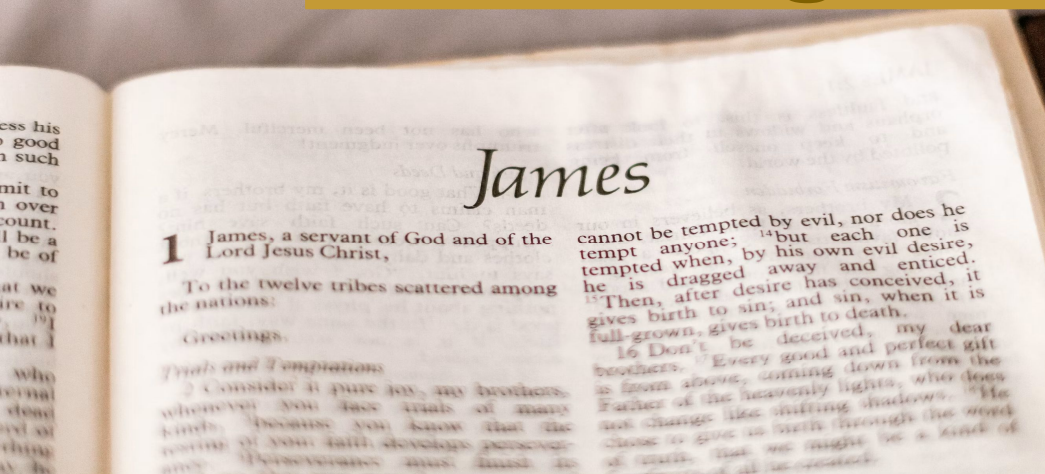




THE BOOK OF JAMES

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

Quick to hear – (review)

A. The what:

- Hearing the word 1:21
- Hearing and doing 1:22-27
- Doing the faith 2:1-11
- Doing completely 2:12-26

B. The why:

- Because of the Bema-Seat 2:12-13
- Because faith w/out works is dead 2:14-26

Producing a LIVING Faith Being “slow to speak”

(James 3:1-12)

“The Power of the Tongue”

Outline:

1. The **directing** power of the tongue vv. 1-5a
2. The **destructive** power of the tongue vv. 5b-8
3. The **divided** power of the tongue vv. 9-12

1- The directing power of the tongue vv. 1-5a –

A. The articulation of the WORD:

➤ The admonition v. 1a

- “let not many of you become teachers”

➤ The administration v. 1a

- Of “teachers” (διδάσκαλοι)

➤ The acknowledgment v. 1b

- “knowing”
- “that we shall receive a stricter judgment”

Summary/Application:

- A hearer that doesn't do...
- A teacher that doesn't doctrine...



1- The directing power of the tongue vv. 1-5a –

B. The obstacle of the WORD:

➤ We all stumble v. 2a

➤ If no stumbling... =

1) Mature (perfect)

2) Controlled (bridled)

Fuse or wick???

1- The directing power of the tongue vv. 1-5a –

C. The directing power of the tongue:

- The bit to the horse v. 3
- The rudder to the ship v. 4
- The tongue v. 5a

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2- The destructive power of the tongue vv. 5b-8 –

A. The destruction –

- A forest set aflame by a small kindling.

2- The destructive power of the tongue vv. 5b-8 –

A. The destruction v. 5b

B. The description –

- 1) It is a fire v. 6a
- 2) It is a “world of iniquity” v. 6b
- 3) It is defiled and a defiler v. 6c
- 4) It destroys lives v. 6d
- 5) It is untamable vv. 7-8
- 6) It is poisonous v. 8c

2- The destructive power of the tongue vv. 5b-8 –

- A. The destruction v. 5b
- B. The description vv. 6-8
- C. The origin v. 6e

➤ “It is set on fire by Gehenna”

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3- The divided power of the tongue vv. 9-12 –

- The same tongue blesses and curses vv. 9-10
- The question of water v. 11
- The question of plants v. 12
- Cf. Luke 6:38-49

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”

- Do I teach the Word?
- What is my speech like?
- Does my speech edify or destroy?

Application/Summary:

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

➤ Confess (1 Jn. 1:9)

➤ Be quick to hear.

➤ Be slow to speak.

Application/Summary:

3) Learn to worship God in a worthy manner”

- Teach sound doctrine!
- “bridle” your tongue!
 - 1) Doctrine
 - 2) The Holy Spirit (cf. Gal. 5:22-23)
- Edify others! (cf. Eph. 4:29)
- Evangelize the lost!



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