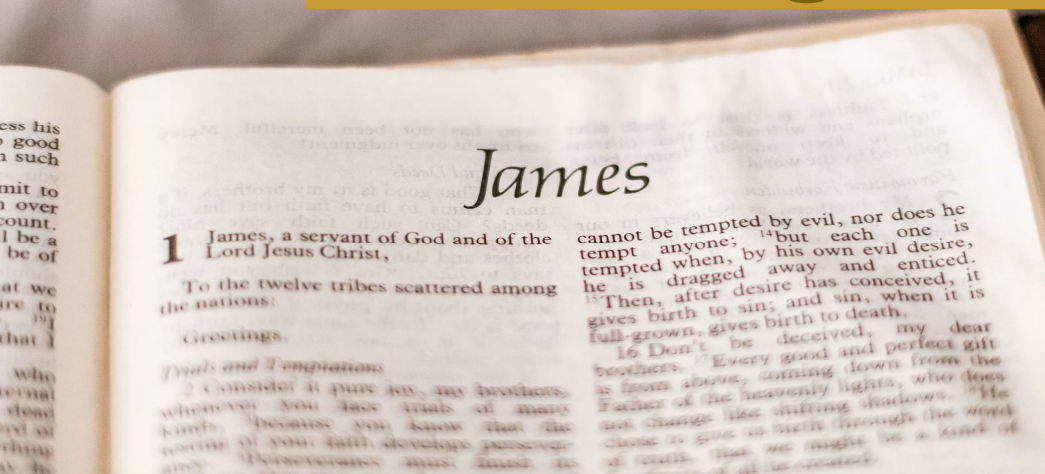




# THE BOOK OF JAMES

## 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

# Producing a LIVING Faith Being “slow to speak”

(James 4:7-10)

*“The Complete Guide to  
Restored Fellowship”*

# 1. Submitting v. 7a

Outline:

## 1- Submitting v. 7a –

“Submit to God” (ὑποτάγητε) \*passive, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- “to cause to be in a submissive relationship, to subject, to subordinate”
- “subject oneself, be subjected or subordinated, obey
- “to God” - BDAG

## 1- Submitting v. 7a –

“Submit to God” (ὑποτάγητε)

➤ Definition

➤ Submission –

- Wives to husbands (Ephesians 5:22)
- Servants to masters (Titus 2:9)
- Believers to Government (Romans 13:1)
- Believers to God (James 4:7a)

1. Submitting v. 7a
2. Resisting v. 7b

Outline:

## 2- Resisting v. 7b –

“Resist the devil” (ἀντίστητε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- “to be in opposition to, set oneself against, oppose.” - BDAG

## 2- Resisting v. 7b –

“Resist the devil” (ἀντίστητε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition

➤ Resisting –

- Is a command in the active voice.
- Is a volitional choice.
- Results in the devil “fleeing from you”
- No-Neutrality means step 1 fulfills step 2.

1. Submitting v. 7a
2. Resisting v. 7b
3. Drawing v. 8a

Outline:

### 3- Drawing v. 8a –

“Draw near to God” (ἐγγίσατε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- “to move in space and so draw closer to a reference point, draw near, come near, approach.” - BDAG

### 3- Drawing v. 8a –

“Draw near to God” (ἐγγίσατε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition

➤ Drawing –

- Is a command in the active voice.
- Is a movement from A. to B.
- Results in God drawing near to you.

1. Submitting v. 7a
2. Resisting v. 7b
3. Drawing v. 8a
4. Cleansing v. 8c

Outline:

## 4- Cleansing v. 8c –

“Cleansse your hands” (καθαρίσατε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- “to make physically clean” - BDAG

#### 4- Cleansing v. 8c –

“Cleans your hands” (καθαρίσατε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition

➤ Cleansing –

- Cf. Exodus 30:17-21
- Is a command in the active voice.
- Is necessary due to sin. “sinners”
- Cf. 1 John 1:9

1. Submitting v. 7a
2. Resisting v. 7b
3. Drawing v. 8a
4. Cleansing v. 8c
5. Purifying v. 8d

Outline:

## 5- Purifying v. 8d –

“Purify your hearts” (καθαρίσατε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- To cleanse from defilement.
- “your hearts” (The sphere of operation for the intellect, emotions, and will.)

## 5- Purifying v. 8d –

“Purify your hearts” (καθαρίσατε) \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition

➤ Context –

- Revealed by Scripture (cf. Heb. 4:12)
- Result of a renewed mind (cf. Rom. 12:2)
- Result of diligent study (cf. 2 Tim. 2:15)
- The cure of δίψυχος “double-minded” (1:8)

1. Submitting v. 7a
2. Resisting v. 7b
3. Drawing v. 8a
4. Cleansing v. 8c
5. Purifying v. 8d
6. Grieving v. 9

Outline:

## 6- Grieving v. 9 –

“Lament, mourn, and weep” \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- Lament (ταλαιπωρήσατε)
  - “To experience distress... to the extent of giving expression to grief” - BDAG

## 6- Grieving v. 9 –

“Lament, mourn, and weep” \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- Lament (ταλαιπωρήσατε)
- Mourn (πενθήσατε)

- “to experience sadness as the result of some condition or circumstance” - BDAG

## 6- Grieving v. 9 –

“Lament, mourn, and weep” \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- Lament (ταλαιπωρήσατε)
- Mourn (πενθήσατε)
- Weep (κλαύσατε)

- To wail aloud, to cry.

## 6- Grieving v. 9 –

“Lament, mourn, and weep” \*active, Imp.

➤ Definition

➤ Grieving –

- State of a non-hardened heart.
- Result of understanding sin.
- Result of a changed mind v. 9b

1. Submitting v. 7a
2. Resisting v. 7b
3. Drawing v. 8a
4. Cleansing v. 8c
5. Purifying v. 8d
6. Grieving v. 9
7. Humbling v. 10

Outline:

## 7- Humbling v. 10 –

“Humble yourselves” \*passive, Imp.

➤ Definition –

- “to cause to be or become humble in attitude” – BDAG
- “in the sight of God”
- “and He will lift you up”

## 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”

- Am I living in pride or humility?
- Am I externally clean?
- Am I internally clean?
- Am I double-minded?

## Application/Summary:

- 2) “humble yourself and do what God desires of His children”
- 3) Learn to worship God in a worthy manner”
  - Submit
  - Resist
  - Draw near
  - Cleanse and purify
  - Grieve
  - Humble myself



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