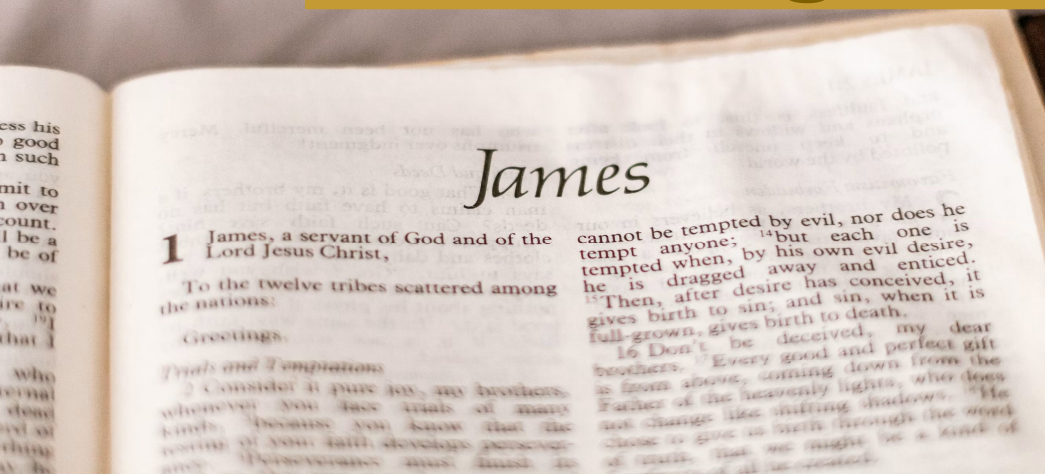




THE BOOK OF JAMES

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 4:11-12)

“The Dangers of Unbiblical Living”

Context –

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Context –

➤ The major question:

What does James mean when
referencing the law?

“He who speaks evil of a brother and judges...
speaks evil of the law and judges the law” –

- A. Universal Law (ex. Sanctity of life, sanctity of marriage etc.)
- B. Mosaic Law (613 laws of the Pentateuch)
- C. Royal Law (“love your neighbor as yourself”)
- D. Law of Liberty (cf. 1:25, 2:12)

Evidence of “Law of Liberty” usage –

- “receive the implanted WORD”
- “able to save your soul”
- “be doers and not hearers only”

1. Unbridled tongue is not a doer (1:26; 3:2-18)
2. Partiality is not a doer (2:1-4)
3. Faith w/o works is not a doer (2:14-26)
4. Worldliness is not a doer (4:1-5)

Summary –

- (As believers) To avoid a life of disconnection from God, we MUST receive the implanted Word... Which will save our lives from the destruction caused by sin...

Outline:

1. Unbiblical Living
2. The Dangers

1- Unbiblical Living v. —

“Do not speak evil of one another”

➤ The unbiblical action v. 11a —

- “**speak evil**” (καταλαλεῖτε)
 - κατα = against, λαλεω = to speak
 - 2nd person, plural, imperative.
 - This is essentially establishing
“autonomous law” (cf. Gen. 6:5; Jdgs. 21:25)
- “**of one another**”
 - i.e. other believers.

1- Unbiblical Living v. —

“Do not speak evil of one another”

- The unbiblical action v. 11a
- The unbiblical reality v. 11b —
 - Speaking evil of a brother = speaking evil of the law of liberty.
 - Judging a brother = judging the law
 - Judging the law = not a doer of the WORD.

1- Unbiblical Living v. —

Unbiblical living is:

- 1) Friendship with the world.
- 2) Rejects the word.
- 3) Overcome by trials. (cf. Hebrews)
- 4) Gives in to temptation. (cf. 1:13-15)
- 5) Shows partiality.
- 6) Not a doer.

Outline:

1. Unbiblical Living
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2- The Dangers –

The dangers are:

- 1) Enmity with God.
- 2) Sin unto death (1:21; 4:12)
- 3) Spiritual immaturity (1:2-4)
- 4) Destruction of others (3:2-12)

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 speak against fellow believers?
- Do I judge unbiblically?

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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