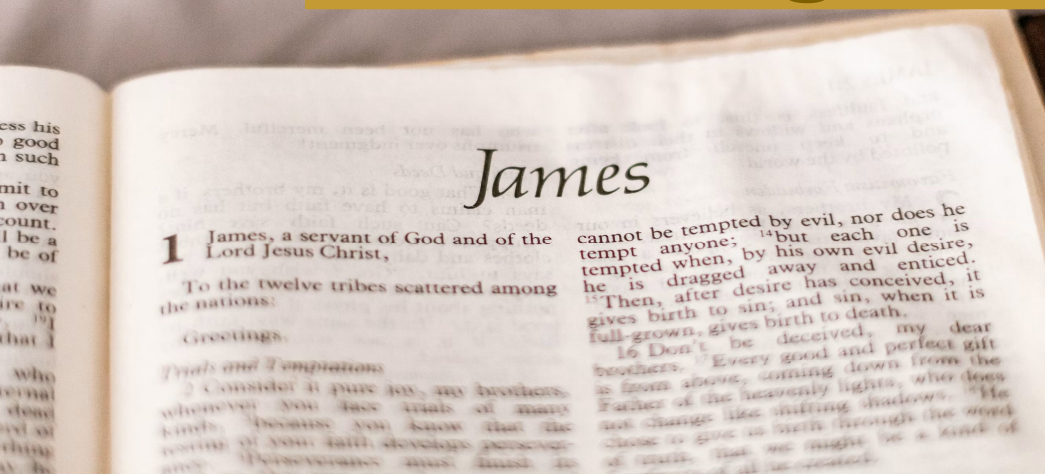




THE BOOK OF JAMES

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

Context –

- The dangers of the tongue 3:1-12
- The danger of double-mindedness 3:13-18
- The danger of worldliness 4:1-6
- The cure 4:7-10
- The dangers of unbiblical living 4:11-12

Producing a LIVING Faith Being “slow to speak”

(James 4:13-17)

“The Arrogance of Unbiblical Living”

Outline:

1. Plan their own path v. 13

1- Plan their own path v. 13 –

- My story
- Their plan
 - 1) Their schedule v. 13b
 - 2) Their path v. 13c
 - 3) Their motivation v. 13d
- Cf. Proverbs 16:1-9

Outline:

1. Plan their own path v. 13
2. Predict their own prosperity v. 13

2- Predict their own prosperity v. 13 –

“We will... and make a profit”

- Autonomous governing. (cf. Gen. 1:31)
- Misplaced goals
- When man makes their own arrogant determinations, they essentially are giving an estimation of God’s wisdom and replacing it with the world’s wisdom.

Outline:

1. Plan their own path v. 13
2. Predict their own prosperity v. 13
3. Presume their own permanence v. 14

3- Presume their own permanence v. 14 —

- cf. 1 Peter 1:22-25
- Overestimate themselves.
- Underestimate the Word.

Outline:

1. Plan their own path v. 13
2. Predict their own prosperity v. 13
3. Presume their own permanence v. 14
4. Supplant God's sovereignty v. 15

4 - Supplant God's sovereignty v. 15 –

- God's will?
- Man's arrogance (see Dan. 4:29-35; cf. Is. 14:12-15)

Outline:

1. Plan their own path v. 13
2. Predict their own prosperity v. 13
3. Presume their own permanence v. 14
4. Supplant God's sovereignty v. 15
5. Parade their own pride v. 16

5 - Parade their own pride v. 16 –

- Proud of pride!
- Restraining evil (DI of Family)

Intentions:

(Deut. 6:5-9)

- Taught diligently 7a
- Expressed daily 7b
- Regarded carefully 8
- Accessible readily 9

Deuteronomy 6:5

- 5 ^hYou shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, ⁱwith all your soul, and with all your strength.
- 6 “And ^jthese words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
- 7 ^kYou shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
- 8 ^lYou shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
- 9 ^mYou shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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“Moses admonishes the newly formed nation to carefully observe the commands of God both personally, as well as to teach their children to do the same. Therefore, the family is designed to be the vehicle of transference for God’s righteous commands to succeeding generations.”

Outline:

1. Plan their own path v. 13
2. Predict their own prosperity v. 13
3. Presume their own permanence v. 14
4. Supplant God's sovereignty v. 15
5. Parade their own pride v. 16
6. Reject God's revelation v. 17

6 - Reject God's revelation v. 17 –

- The command 1:21
- The obstacles:
 - 1) Doing
 - 2) Temptations
 - 3) Worldly wisdom
 - 4) Pride

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”

- How does God fit into my plans?
- What is the motivation behind what I do?
- Do I live in light of eternity?
- Who is on the throne?
- Do I mix heavenly and worldly wisdom?

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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