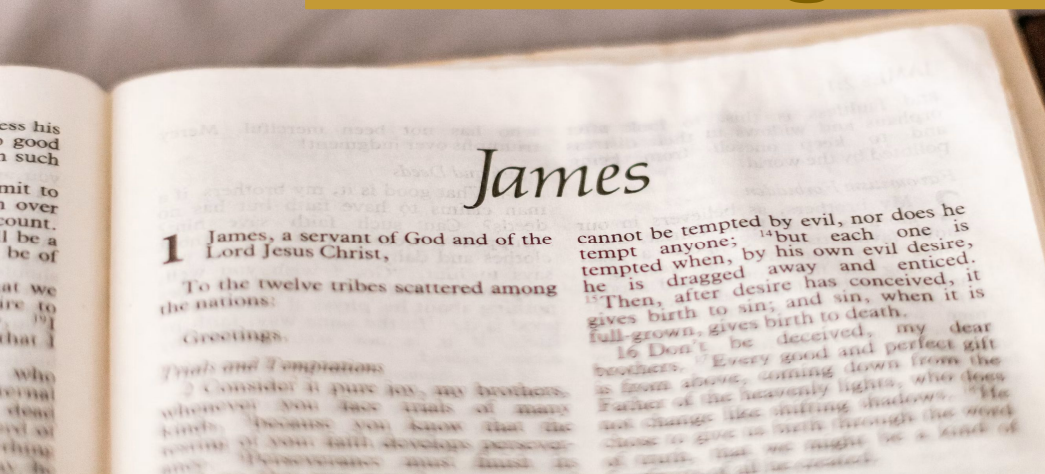




THE BOOK OF JAMES

Producing a **LIVING FAITH**





Context –

- Worldliness in standards and judgments.
4:11-12
- Worldliness in perspective and autonomy.
4:13-17

Producing a LIVING Faith Being “slow to speak”

(James 5:1-6)

“The Vanity of Unbiblical Living”

Outline:

1. The mindset of worldliness

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- 1) Don't endure trials vv. 1:2-4
- 2) Don't seek wisdom from God v. 1:5
- 3) Don't endure temptations v. 1:12, 14-15
- 4) Don't be quick to hear v. 1:19
- 5) Don't be slow to speak v. 1:19 also 3:1-18
- 6) Don't be slow to anger v. 1:19 also 4:1-5:6
- 7) Live for what the world lives for v. 4:4
- 8) Don't be humble v. 4:1- 5:8
- 9) Don't submit to the Grace of God v. 4:6-7

Outline:

1. The mindset of worldliness
2. The misplaced hope of worldliness

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➤ Savings

- “riches” v. 2
- “gold and silver” v. 3
- “heaped up treasure” v. 3

2- The misplaced hope of worldliness –

- Savings
- Status
 - “garments” v. 2
 - “your fields” v. 4

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- Security
 - “you have lived... in pleasure and luxury”
 - “you have fattened your hearts”

2- The misplaced hope of worldliness –

➤ Savings

- “riches” = corrupted (rusted, or deteriorated)

➤ Status

- “garments” = moth-eaten

➤ Security

- “the cries... have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth”

2- The misplaced hope of worldliness –

➤ The effects of their misplaced hope:

1) Corroded witness. v. 3b

2) Consumed flesh. v. 3c

- Cf. Zechariah 14:12-15
- Cf. 1 Cor. 3:9-15

3) Collected treasure v. 3d

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- 3) Lived in pleasure and luxury v. 5 (cf. Amos 4)
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- 4) They fattened their hearts v. 5
- 5) They condemned v. 6
- 6) They murdered v. 6

3- The “miseries” of worldliness –

➤ The cause of their miseries:

“he does not resist you”

- Who is “he” and “you” referring to?
- Cf. 4:6
- Cf. 5:4

3- The “miseries” of worldliness –

- The cries... have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth”
 - Lit. “Lord of armies”
 - 1) Depicts God’s **omnipotence**
(He IS ALMIGHTY)
 - 2) Depicts God’s **righteousness**
(HE will do right always and every time)
 - 3) Depicts God’s complete **sovereignty**

Application/Summary:

- 1) What is right
- 2) What is wrong
- 3) How to get right
- 4) How to stay right

Application/Summary:

1) What is right –

- Treasures in heaven
- Living in imminence (green bananas)
- Prevailing justice (GOD sees!)

Application/Summary:

2) What is wrong –

- Storing treasures on earth.
- Obviously:
fraud, abuse, indulgence, murder.

Application/Summary:

3) how to get right

➤ James 4:6-10

➤ Confession (1 John 1:9)

➤ Submit to the GRACE of God

Application/Summary:

4) how to stay right

➤ keep going to God's "Grace Mechanism"

Submitting to His Grace in the Christian's walk:

1. Cleanses us from ALL unrighteousness 1 Jn. 1:9
2. Restores our experiential fellowship with God
3. Equips us to walk in the Spirit Gal. 5:16
4. Causes us to abide in The Vine Jn. 15



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