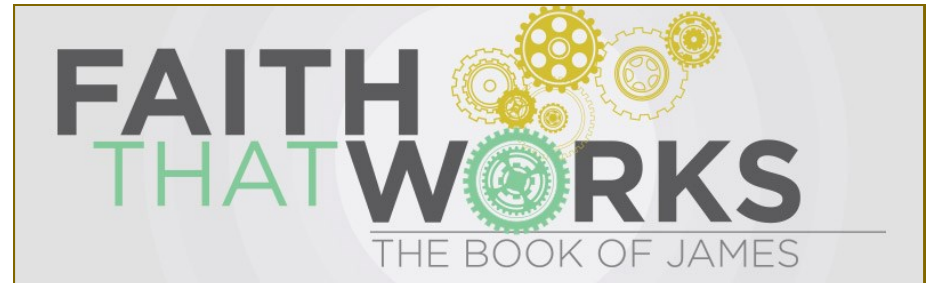


How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



#2 Introduction (1:1)

Sermon
Notes

January 13, 2019

Quotes to Ponder

Believer! There is enough in the Bible for you to live upon forever. If you should outnumber the years of Methuselah, there would be no need for a fresh revelation; if you should live until Christ should return to the earth, there would be no necessity for the addition of a single word; if you should go down as deep as Jonah, or even descend as David said he did, into the depths of hell, still there would be enough in the Bible to comfort you without a supplementary sentence.

Charles Spurgeon

James is not a doctrinal treatise but an intensely practical manual for Christian living. Yet that does not lessen its value, since holy living and sound doctrine must not be separated.

John MacArthur

All Christians are servants, bond slaves, of Jesus. Yes, we are more (we are friends, brothers, & children); but we are never less. Our lives, our wills, our destinies are all His. We are called to make His will our will, His pleasure our pleasure, His glory our goal.

Sinclair B. Ferguson

Saint John's Gospel and his first epistle, Saint Paul's epistles, especially those to the Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, and Saint Peter's first epistle,—these are the books which show thee Christ, and teach thee everything that is needful and blessed for thee to know even though thou never see or hear any other book or doctrine. Therefore is Saint James's epistle a right strawy epistle in comparison with them, for it has no gospel character to it.

Martin Luther

The passion of Christianity comes from deliberately signing away my own rights and becoming a bondservant of Jesus Christ. Until I do that, I will not begin to be a saint.

Oswald Chambers

1. Tests of True Faith

2. Author

3. Recipients

4. Greetings

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. What is the theme of the book of James?

3. What was the reason for James writing this letter?

4. What tests of faith are found in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?

5. What tests of faith are found in 1st John?

6. Who is the author of James? How do you know?

7. How does James describe himself (*James 1:1*)? What does this mean?

8. Why do you think James describes himself in this way instead of as Je-
sus' brother or the leader of the Jerusalem church?

9. What lesson should we learn from James' attitude as we relate to one
another in the body of Christ?

10. Who else is described this way in the following verses?

Luke 2:29 —

2 Peter 1:1 —

Acts 4:29 —

Jude 1:1 —

Acts 16:17 —

Revelation 1:1 —

Romans 1:1 —

Revelation 2:20 —

2 Corinthians 4:1 —

Revelation 7:3 —

Galatians 1:10 —

Revelation 11:18 —

Philippians 1:10 —

Revelation 15:3 —

Philippians 2:7 —

Revelation 19:2 —

Colossians 1:7 —

Revelation 19:5 —

Colossians 4:7 —

Revelation 22:3 —

2 Timothy 2:24 —

Revelation 22:6 —

Titus 1:1 —

Do any of these *bond-servants* surprise you? If so, which one(s)?

11. What kind of man was James?

12. Who are the recipients of the letter James wrote?

13. How are the recipients described (*James 1:1*)?

14. What does the *dispersion* refer to (*James 1:1; Acts 8:1; 11:19*)?

15. What would people who are dispersed be going through?

16. Does James' letter apply to non-Jewish Christians today (*Galatians*
3:28-29)? Why or why not?

Reflection Questions: How is my humility? Am I as humble as James ap-
pears to be? Am I humble enough to examine my faith with the vari-
ous tests that James and other biblical writers give? Do I truly see my-
self as a slave of God and my Savior Jesus? If so, do I live like it?