James #67

Our Father does not bring us shifting shadows.

We can open back up in our anchor study of James chapter one RF.

Jam 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

[Jas 1:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/13/s_1147013) No one is to say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

This began us on a journey into digging up the origins of sin, also a deeper look at the old sin nature.

I think you now understand that our own free will is what ignites the OSN.

God does not trick us into temptations and God did not create the OSN.

[Jas 1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/14/s_1147014) But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

We are the ones who nurture negative thoughts deep within our soul.

[Jas 1:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/15/s_1147015) Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it has run its course, brings forth death.

What we have seen in the past few lessons is that the OSN and our own personal sins after salvation have been dealt with. Yet in this temporal walk we must adjust to the justice of God when we fall into sin.

/The letter from James has dozens of imperative commands within its 5 chapters. It is not opposed to the grace of God, nor is it in stark contrast to the teaching of the Apostle Paul. The issue Pastor James emphasizes, is that faith has a result – obedience. Being compliant to authority is a sign of trust and respect, yet it is not a call into sinless perfection. The true sign of Christianity is deep within the soul, a strong desire to follow and trust GOD.\

That does not mean you succeed every minute of every day. This is why we are given problem solving devices such as 1John 1:9.

God knew we would have this inner battle of old man against the new man after salvation.

/The other sign of true Christianity is when failure and sin overcome us, we recognize the grieving of the HS and we turn back to God’s justice to be cleansed. That is obedience as well, we are not seeking a loophole for sins so we can run rampant. We simply recognize and deal with the sin. That is your faith in action as well, so James is not scolding us into perfection, he is warning us not to become complacent. \

[Jas 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/16/s_1147016) Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers *and sisters.*

/[Jas 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/17/s_1147017) **Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above**, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom **there is no variation or shifting shadow**.\

[Jas 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/18/s_1147018) In the exercise of His will He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

We are in union with CHRIST (humanity) who was the first fruit risen from the tomb.

[Jas 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/19/s_1147019) You know *this,* my beloved brothers *and sisters.* Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, *and* slow to anger;

[Jas 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/20/s_1147020) for a man’s anger does not bring about the righteousness of God.

Jump back into the OT – Psalms chapter 25 RF.

God brings forth life and spiritual light, Satan is the father of lies and counterfeits. He brings forms of darkness and death; GOD is not the author of confusion.

The issue of confusion is not the fault of GOD – it is the fault of a lazy and neglectful attitude about Bible study.

/Jhn 10:9 “I am the door**; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved**, and will go in and out and **find pasture**. 10 “**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy**; I came so that they would have life, and have *it* **abundantly.**\

Only one avenue opens the gates of heaven, it is through faith alone in Christ alone. The narrow gate – the only doorway.

The promise is if you stay in fellowship with HIM – going in and out, meaning growing, learning… seeking and knocking habitually, you will then find PASTURE. Pasture meaning comfort not confusion, comfort and nurturing not chaos.

The Greek word (pasture) is – *nomē* (NOW-MAY) a place where food, water and growth as well as rest can be found.

 REPEAT

Did Jesus blatantly lie to us…to HIS devote followers?

Is John 10:9-10 a false doctrine?

Of course not!

Following the devil’s world leads us into temptation of the OSN – darkness, death, Satan and his army are thieves. They steal time, they steal integrity, they steal and manipulate the minds of Unbels and weak Bels.

 REPEAT

/God gives on the basis of HIS character not yours; HE gives from HIS abundant grace already filtered through HIS justice system in eternity past. There is nothing we have earned or deserved – because the reality is, GOD did not have to allow your human birth at all. We are given everything we need to not only open up eternal salvation but blessings. We are given the very mind of Christ, so that every challenge and most questions in this life are resolved.\

There are at least 5 basic categories as to why Christians think GOD is sending them into a chaotic situation. Or leading them into shifting shadows of confusion.

/1. The Believer who becomes negative toward Bible doctrine. After a period of time there is a build-up of scar-tissue on the soul. This leaves a vacuum for satanic influence.

2. The Believer who gets scar-tissue of the soul eventually steps deeper into darkness. This brings forth emotional revolt of the soul. Often this leads to a frantic search for happiness, or replacing solid truth with cosmic system ideologies and also doctrines of demons. \

All of these categories of Bels are usually the culprits who claim GOD is confusing or they can not sit under accurate teaching.

They usually church hop…or they claim, *they have their own relationship with GOD,* which means on their own terms.

/3. The Believer who is in late stages of emotional revolt of the soul. The old sin nature is now in full control and the emotions takes over the soul and shuts down the right lobe (any truth or desire for learning BD is completely diminished).

 4. The Believer who is hyper sensitive and prone to subjectivity, they struggle to learn BD. They often feel insulted or apathetic toward serious Bible study.\

/5. The Believer with a background of religion or one who is easily influenced by legalism struggle with accurate teaching. They desire rituals/works and only accept a certain building (denomination) or designated type of teacher.\

In Psa 25 - King David wrote this as an acrostic Psalm. Each verse in the Psalm begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. I believe there is only two Hebrew letters left out of this prayer of David, it is not the focus of our study today, but I have covered acrostic Psalms before;

/Psa 25:1 To You, LORD, **I lift up my soul.**

The Hebrew word used is *nep̄eš* for soul. Pointing to a deep seat within our being, where passions, thoughts and ideas formulate. This is the true YOU – your thoughts (mind).\

NEPH-US, it is the seat of the soul, meaning the deep recesses of where you hold your norms and standards, where you formulate ideas.

David is saying I lift up my very being, all my ideas, my thoughts and desires up to you LORD.

/[Psa 25:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/2/s_503002) **My God, in You I trust** (*bāṭaḥ*),Do not let me be ashamed;Do not let my enemies rejoice over me.

Faith means obedience – David would gather up all his thoughts and desires and slam them down upon the truth of Christ.\

BAW-TACH means to slam down my whole trust, all my beliefs slammed down upon the LORD. It was sometimes used as an ancient wrestling term.

This is the attitude of obedience…David was far from sinless perfection but he had a heart that chased after GOD.

[Psa 25:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/3/s_503003) Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed;Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

/In the end – in the grand scheme of this whole world, GOD will never leave HIS children ashamed and wanting in the end. When a Bel refuses to grow inside the grace and knowledge of Christ, they often suffer through emotional waves of doubt and confusion. Self-induced misery is almost always introduced by our own emotions spiraling out of control first. Whenever this occurs it is a call back to rebound and focus on the WORD and let go of human viewpoint.\

It is a call back into a serious diet of BD, a call back into the NEW NATURE taking control.

/[Psa 25:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/4/s_503004) Make me know Your ways, LORD; **Teach me Your paths**.

This was not only a prayer but a staple of the thoughts of David. He consistently clung onto the WORD and the power of God for his lifestyle.\

[Psa 25:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/5/s_503005) Lead me in Your truth and teach me,For You are the God of my salvation;For You I wait all the day.

*/“Lead me in Your truth*” – *Lead me,* is a hiphil imperative (command), meaning “*Cause me to be guided through the truth*.”

It is - *dāraḵ 'ĕmeṯ,* march me forward, push me onward into divine knowledge. In other words, there is only one way of divine guidance and that is Bible doctrine.\

DAR-ACH, EM-ETH,

David prays for more BD and that will be his guidance. Guidance and discernment or maturity, only comes when we are available to learn…humble and available.

The basis for living the Christian life is not experience or emotions, the basis for living the Christian life is Bible doctrine in the soul.

/*The more Bible doctrine you have in your soul the more you can learn and grow. At the same time, the more you can know the will of God and do the will of God, because doctrine is also the only food for the soul. To know God’s will you must know doctrine. If you are ignorant of doctrine, you can never know the will of God.*

 *Pastor Robert McLaughlin\*

You can never blindly and emotionally seek out Spiritual Maturity and truly know God’s will from a diet of feelings, human viewpoint or guess work.

 REPEAT

[Psa 25:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/6/s_503006) Remember, LORD, Your compassion and Your faithfulness,For they have been from of old.

David knows GOD does everything in eternity past.

God has always been faithful, compassionate, filled with mercy, just as HE has always been righteous and just.

God is immutable – HE cannot change. God is absolute.

/Mal 3:6 “For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

Num 23:19 “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Psa 102:25-27, Psa 33:11, Isa 46:10, Titus 1:2, Heb 13:8… etc.)\

The very essence of GOD can never change.

[Psa 25:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/7/s_503007) Do not remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoings; Remember me according to Your faithfulness,For Your goodness’ sake, LORD.

David knows the grace of GOD, he is aware that we only need to wash ourself clean and turn back to HIM, because GOD is always faithful.

/[Psa 25:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/8/s_503008) The LORD is good and upright;Therefore **He instructs**(*yārâ*) **sinners in the way.**

The Hiphil stem, points to discipline and accountability. Repetition and even misery can be gleaned from this Hebrew verb.\

YAW-RAH was often used to mean discipline or hard training.

Sometimes used for the archers in the ancient world, it was used for practice in the repetition… aiming, training and shooting over and over again.

It also meant thorough instruction.

/[Psa 25:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/9/s_503009) He leads the humble in justice,And **He teaches the humble His way**.

Humility is the first and most important step toward knowledge. Humility means teachability. \

Notice what leads first…God’s justice is always front and center.

Emotional Bels refuse to acknowledge the justice of God and that means their spiritual foundation is built on sand.

They lack humility to sit and study as a lifestyle of worship.

/[Psa 25:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/10/s_503010) All the paths of the LORD are faithfulness and truth **To those who comply with His covenant and His testimonies**.

The right thing done in the right way – two power options. All paths to truth (BD), have to be under the filling power HS and the accuracy and consistency of the WORD!\

[Psa 25:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/11/s_503011) For the sake of Your name, LORD,Forgive my wrongdoing, for it is great.

Not for my sake – but for your sake LORD. Your integrity and YOUR character Lord that is what matters.

/*“David is pictured in this Psalm as in a faithful miniature. His holy trust, his many conflicts, his great transgressions, his bitter repentance, and his deep distresses are all here; so that we see the very heart of ‘the man after God’s own heart.’” Charles Spurgeon\*

No one knows exactly when this Psalm was written, but most likely after one of David’s many falls.

[Psa 25:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/12/s_503012) Who is the person who fears the LORD?He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

[Psa 25:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/13/s_503013) His soul will dwell in prosperity,And his descendants will inherit the land.

That is called blessing by association, just like cursing by association happens.

/[Psa 25:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/25/14/s_503014) **The secret** of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And **He will make them know His covenant.**

Respect is shown in obedience just as faith is shown in obedience.\

The deeper doctrines or truths, are open to those with true humility and effort in seeking God.