James #39

The race is on and the heat of battle is now Believer!

I request prayers for my oldest step daughter and her husband Angel, up in New Jersey. They are dealing with some emotional and personal challenges, please send prayers their way.

Our current study in James has us anchored in a scripture that is undeniable concerning the fact that there is no equality in heaven. As well as highlighting the doctrine of free will;

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

The future tense (will receive), refers to something which happens at the end of the Church Age, the rapture followed by the judgment seat of Christ. To be tested, tried, examined and found to be the genuine article. \

Do not lose sight of the fact, that Pastor James is preaching to Bels.

DOE-KEE-MOS, this comes from a Greek root word that means good and pleasing. As opposed to bad and distasteful.

It is the difference between a good apple and bad apple, once you bite into them.

The majority of Christians do not like these types of scriptures, because it gives them no wiggle room for excuses.

/This Greek adjective (*dokimos*), was often used for the examination of the quality of coins in the ancient world. Most money-changers had low quality coins and even mixed in counterfeits. Those with good reputations for dealing in quality coins were called – *dokimos,* the approved and genuine dealers and the genuine coins of true value.\

This testing is referencing strong temptations and pressures of the Cosmic System.

That is what will reveal the winner Believer, that is how the real McCoy is discovered.

That is how you discover the Fugazi.

For those who disagree with free will and winners and losers in the spiritual realm, many scriptures just like this one, knock that arrogant lie out of the ball park!

This has nothing to do with salvation – the historic context, is directed at the Bels at Jerusalem.

It was directed at the congregation under Pastor James, who were being pulled away by the arrogance of a few Jewish converts. These Bels were petty and bitter toward Gentile Bels and other Jewish Bels who were of a lower social status.

REPEAT

Turn in your Bibles to Romans chapter 12 RF.

/The motivation for resisting temptation, or perseverance under pressure is important. Motivation is the key issue – GOD looks at the heart. The Christian under the filling power of the HS and motivated by accurate doctrine, embarks upon a relationship with GOD. Therefore, over time, the passions of sinful temptation are overcome by a greater passion, and that is a passion for the honor, glory and love relationship with God.\

That is what many Christians never fully grasp – they instead put the cart before the horse and get involved in religious nonsense and works programs. In fact, many pulpits promote that satanic lie as well.

/Most people resist temptation because of the fear of man, or the fear of a negative repercussion. The thief who truly enjoys stealing will not do so, when he sees a policeman. Some resist temptation from one area of sin, because another area of sin (arrogance, religion) keeps them in check. The greedy person may avoid the party lifestyle because he doesn’t want to waste extra money. Motivation is found deep within the soul, where only our LORD can observe it.\

The best motivation for resisting the temptation of sin is to love Christ; to love Him with greater power and greater passion than your love for the sin.

/It is evident from many scriptures like James 1:12 - that the quality of something in a Bels’ life brings forth a reward and a *'life that God has promised'*, this is more than the eternal life given to every Believer at salvation. It is a reward for an accomplishment; it must refer to something of higher quality concerning the spiritual life. It is related to running the race, standing your ground in battle – 1Cor 9:24-26, Heb 12:1, 2Tim 4:7-8, Rev 3:11.\

This is beyond salvation.

Faith alone, in Christ alone, brings you across the eternal barrier.

The next step should be the question…Now what!?

/Jhn 5:24 “Truly, truly, **I say to you, the one who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

Salvation is step one, phase one of your spiritual life. Now, what you do with your time, talent and treasure after that, determines the quality and your spiritual abundance in the future. \

There is no way to avoid looking at inequality in the spiritual sense, when you accurately handle the study of the WORD.

James chapter one, is speaking upon the tests and pressures that come with temptations.

There are three sources of temptation, and because you are under temptation it does not mean that you have sinned.

Those 3 sources are - The devil, the world and your OSN.

They are very intimate with one another because they all kick against the things of GOD. REPEAT

Temptation is never sin until volition has done something about it. If you go negative then you go under the power of the old sin nature. Temptation is the fleeting thought; sin is the dwelling on and action of that thought.

REPEAT

That means that you willingly produced the sin, whatever it was.

The man and woman in the garden were tempted by the devil, to have deep insight into the ***TREE of the KNOWLEDGE of GOOD and EVIL.*** Which gave them insight into independence from God and dependence upon the flesh, the world and ideologies of satanic evil.

They took their free will and opened a can of demonic worms!

The results of independence from God.

/1Jhn 2:15 **Do not love the world nor the things in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For **all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh** and the **lust of the eyes** and the **boastful pride** **of life,** is not from the Father, but is from the world.\

There are many misconceptions about worldliness. Also…many confusions about evil and even Satan’s agenda.

Worldliness is not being out for a night on the town; it is not having a good time; it is not drinking a beer, watching football with your buddies on Sunday; it is not enjoying an expensive vacation or time away with family; it is not the ladies having make-up on their faces, or men wearing a classy suit.

REPEAT

Worldliness is dealt with as a principle pointing to your ideologies, norms and standards - either they are worldly or from the Word.

/Worldliness is never something you do, it is always something you think, it is that which is deep within the soul structure. You make decisions and live a certain way, on the basis of what you think. Whenever you think anything is more important than Bible doctrine, then that is worldliness. Worldliness is a mental attitude. \

Temptation comes from the devil, the flesh and the world. Let us look at worldly temptations first.

Within Romans chapter 12 we can note many principles related to the Royal family Honor Code.

Also, there is strong emphasis on our temporal walk after salvation.

Starting in Romans chapter eight we begin to see principles related to not only spiritual maturity - but also the interruption of the Dispensation of Israel.

In fact, Romans chapters 9 into 11 - speaks upon why the Jewish Age has been halted and why the unconditional covenants have not yet been fulfilled. Several will not be fulfilled until the second advent of Christ.

/Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers *and sisters,* by **the mercies**of God, to **present your bodies**as a living and **holy sacrifice, acceptable to God**, *which is* **your spiritual service of****worship.**

The highest form of worship, knowledge and communication or guidance we get, is IN THE WORD, filled by the Spirit.\

The way it is written in the original GREEK, tells us to *present your bodies* as a reference to an ancient military term; to get in line, stand in formation, to prepare for your orders and focus on the authority.

To be holy and acceptable to GOD means your flesh is pushed to the side – you are now in the SPIRIT, the new nature is the only holy and acceptable stance we have in time.

/Jhn 4:24 “God is spirit, and **those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

There is no secondary, or opposing avenues you can maneuver onto that can worship and grow under GOD – except the two power options!\

The satanic lie is – that there are many ways to be spiritual and to worship GOD.

There are not.

/Spiritual worship is done from a place of rational behavior. Therefore, the emotionalism of tongues, healings and prophecy is a form of emotional revolt of the soul. True Christian worship: singing, praying, giving, Bible study and the communion service, all function under the power of the HS. Each facet of worship demands two things: the filling of the Holy Spirit and accurate Bible doctrine in the soul. \

You will never reach a place of spiritual maturity and in turn receive crowns, blessings and rewards, if your walk with GOD is motivated by emotions, or the world and the satanic agendas.

/[Rom 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/12/2/s_1058002) And **do not be conformed** (*syschēmatizō*) **to this world**, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

The renewing of the mind is the answer – garbage in, or good doctrine in, that is what will come out. Stop allowing the world to infiltrate your soul, to push you in certain directions. \

SUE-HA-MAY-TEEZ-MO, this Greek verb is written in the present tense, imperative mood.

You have to be consistently doing this, to follow a pattern, to change your fashion or move your direction.

Imperative mood…this is a command.

/The destiny for the Believer in time is reaching maturity by consistently applying the adjustment to the justice of God to their walk. The objective is inner growth, not external production. Internal growth through feeding the NEW nature with maximum amounts of Bible doctrine. Therefore, the very core of the plan and will of God for the Bel can never be divorced from Bible doctrine and its perception.\

When the spiritual growth is real and the Fruit of the Spirit begins to come forth, then you will see production.

[Rom 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/12/3/s_1058003) For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

To be of SOUND JUDGMENT again is written in a Greek present tense – to keep on being this way.

It is taken from the Greek verb – *sōphroneō,* (SO-FRON-AH-O) where we get a version of our English word sober from. To be of a sober mind.

It means clear minded, level headed. Having self-control and what we called measured thinking.

REPEAT

/BD in the soul is designed to eliminate fleshly thinking and the arrogance of emotional dominance. Doctrine causes the Believer to think in terms of common sense, rationally, with a steady flow of divine viewpoint. Bible doctrine flowing and growing into our daily life, keeps us away from living in the devil’s trickery and counterfeits, as well as the grip of the OSN.\

The cosmic system is flawed and infected by the ideologies of demonic entities.

We will most likely be picking it up here in the next lesson;

[Rom 12:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/12/4/s_1058004) For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body’s parts do not have the same function,

[Rom 12:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/12/5/s_1058005) so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.

/The Christian church has always been under attack. In almost every generation, body parts are missing, many are weak or working in favor of Satan not God. This will reach a peak of weakness and missing body parts, just before the Rapture of the church. Full stadiums of emotional waves, political correctness and community programs is all an illusion that makes Christianity look much more robust than what it truly is.\

/ 2Tim 4:3 For *the* time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.\

/Jer 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely,

And the priests rule on their own authority; And My people love it this way! But what will you do when the end comes?

Jer 23:16 This is what the LORD of armies says: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; They tell a vision of their own imagination, Not from the mouth of the LORD.\