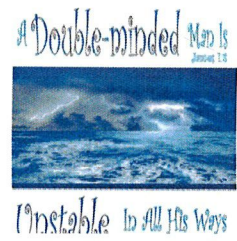


FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

[Tuesday & Wednesday]

February 25-26, 2020
LESSON 1



OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF JAMES

I. Who Was James?

- James the half-brother of Jesus
- He is distinguished from other James in the New Testament

II. What kind of man was James?

- A peacemaker Acts 15
- A married man.
- A man of prayer
- Prayed so much his knees looked hard and rugged like camel's knees.
- James was a Jew
- Reared in the tradition of the Law of Moses.

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IV. Why Did James Write?

- No stated purpose was given.
- Seems to address immature Christians.
- James seeks to encourage Christians to prove their faith by their works.

V. Facts About The Book of James

- 59th Book of the Bible
- Contains: 5 chapters, 108 verses, 2,309 words.
- 100 verses of history.
- 8 Verses of fulfilled prophecy.
- Written between 45-50 AD
- Theme: Testing Of Faith. Trials, Temptations, and Christian Maturity. An exposition on the efficacy of faith combined with good works.

INTRODUCTION

Warren Wiersbe said, "Not everybody who, grows ^{old, grows} ~~old~~ up. There is a vast difference between age and maturity." In other words, length of years does not automatically produce maturity. Maturity depends upon many other factors other than time. Christian maturity comes about by personal experiences of faith that has been tested, lessons learned and applied. The attitude we take towards trials is very important. Through tests and trials God is building up our character. Therefore, according to James, we should welcome them because the result is character that is pleasing to God and a witness to unbelievers that we are for real. Going through tests and trials is painful and uncomfortable but they will make us better.

In today's/tonight's lesson and the lessons that follow we are going to see what a tested, tried and true faith looks like according to the book of James.

1st Reading-James 1:1.....*James Identification Badge: I'm Just A Servant*

- A. Servant of God (Accountable to)
- B. To the twelve tribes-scattered

2nd Reading- James 1:2-3,.....*Trials Produce Patience*

- A. Knowing this or understand
- B. Tested faith produces patience-endurance, ability to withstand

3rd Reading- James 1:4-8.....*Let Patience Have Its Way*

- A. To be complete
- B. Need wisdom? Ask God
- C. God will grant wisdom liberally
- D. Ask in faith, not wavering
- E. Doubleminded man will not receive anything of the Lord.

4th Reading James 1:9-11,*A Word For The Rich And The Poor*

- A. *The one of low degree-rejoice- He is exalted.*
- B. The rich is made low (reversal of conditions)
- C. The rich and his riches will fade as grass

5th Reading James. 1:12-15,.....*The Blessing of The One Who Endures Temptation*

- A. Blessing granted to the overcomer of temptation
- B. Crown of life promised by God.
- C. Temptations do not come from God but from within us.
- D. *Temptation + Lust + Enticed=Sin*

6th reading-James 1:16-18.....*Don't Be Deceived By Flashy Things*

- A. *Do not err,*
- B. My beloved, brethren-Love
- C. God: the source of all good & perfect gifts
- D. *God: the Father of lights*
- E. *God: no shadow, no turning, no changing*

7th Reading-James 1:19-20.....*Follow God's Road Signs*

- A. *Be quick to hear*
- B. Be slow to speak
- C. Be slow to wrath
- D. Wrath of man not righteousness of God.

8th Reading-James 1:21-25.....*Admonitions For Holy Living*

- A. *Lay aside uncleanness, naughty behavior*
- B. Receive the engrafted word
- C. Able to save your souls
- D. Be doers of the word and not just hearers
- E. *Illustration: Mirror analogy*
- F. Forgetting vs. remembering
- G. Look into the perfect law of liberty
- H. Blessing promised

9th Reading-James 1:26-27.....*Signs of True Faith*

- A. **Control of the tongue**
- B. Minister to the needy(fatherless, widows)
- C. Stay untarnished from the world

Spiritual Application: Apply This Lesson To Your Life Today

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

MEMORY VERSES: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."
 ---James 1:2-3

