

Let's Study James!!

To the Jewish Churches which are scattered abroad: 12 Tribes -> Eschatology

"Lift your Eyes & Examine your hearts – We will Stand before Christ!!"

Theme Verse: James 2:5

"Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?"
[agapao- Spiritual Intimate Fellowship - Obedience]

Book Outline: 'To the Christian Brethren....'

1:1 : 'Living this life...accountable to the next'

- i. The 'Patient' in trial NOW – Will Lack nothing THEN (1:2-4)
- ii. The 'Suffering' Christians - Seek 'Intercession in Suffering' (5-8)
- iii. The 'Lowly' will be 'Exalted' before Christ (9)
- iv. The 'Unsaved Rich' will be Judge (GWT) for their works (10-11)
- v. The 'Tested' by adversity NOW – Will pass thru the Flames (12)
- vi. The 'Tempted' HAVE no Excuse/Will Have No excuse (13-16)
- vii. The 'Firstfruits' Suffer NOW – For God's Gift THEN (17-18)
- viii. The 'Obedient' must – Represent Christ-Produce Righteousness (19-20)
- ix. The 'Saving of the Saved':
 - a. Obedience 4 Fellowship & Kingdom Inheritance. (21-25)

Standing Before the Judgment Seat: Judged 4

- i. Service – Mercy – Compassion: True Worship (1:26-27)
- ii. Loving your neighbour without '*partiality*' (2:1-11)

Standing Before the 'Furnace': Judgment 4 Works

- i. '*Can faith...without works...save from 'suffering loss'?*
 - a. **I Cor. 3:15** – '*suffer loss*'
 - b. ζημιώω *zēmiōō*, *dzay-mee-ō'-o*; to *injure*, i.e. (reflex. or pass.) to *experience detriment*:—be cast away, receive damage, lose, suffer loss.

Remember: FAITH 4 Relationship...OBEDIENCE 4 Fellowship [Kingdom Inheritance]

- ii. The 'Other side' of the Furnace (2:18)
- iii. ALL will be Judged! '*Even the demons tremble!*' [Rev. 20:10] (2:19)

Old Testament: Faith + Works = Blessing & Inheritance [Future Kingdom]

- i. Abraham believed God by Faith...**Genesis 22**
 - a. In OBEDIENCE placed his ONLY son on the altar...[Works]
 - b. He 'received' His Blessing/Inheritance 4 works (2:20-24)

“...By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants...” **Genesis 22:16-17**

- ii. Rahab Believed & Feared God: [Faith]
 - a. Hid the spies – ‘Received’ Blessing/Inheritance 4 Works

⁸ Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, ⁹ and said to the men: “I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us,... ¹¹ And as soon as we heard *these things*, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth beneath. ¹² Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, ...” **Joshua 2:8-12**

When YOU Stand Before the Judgment Seat:

- i. Know that...(2:26)

Righteous Rule 4: The Pulpit [Teachers, Elders, Pastors] -[Judgment Seat]

- i. There is a ‘Stricter Judgment’ – [Where?]
 - a. Called to Steer the ‘*whole body*’ (3:1-2)
 - i. Illustration (3-4)
 - b. Will answer for their ‘*tongue*’ (3:5-10)
 - i. Illustration (3:11-12)
- ii. There is Accountability For the Teacher:
 - a. Works must be done in *meekness & wisdom* (3:13)
 - b. No ‘Self Agenda’ – Twisting Scripture (3:14-16)
 - i. It produces confusion & evil
 - c. Spirit Led Wisdom – Is Leading 4 Christ in Peace (3:17-18)

Righteous Rule 4: The Church ‘Body’ (Family) – [Judgment Seat]

- i. NOT Self Serving -Self Centered Lives (4:1-4)
- ii. NOT in Friendship with the World – God Resisting the Church (4:5-6)
- iii. **How to Restore the Backslidden worldly Church** (4:7-10)

‘Sanctification’ in their Earthly Sufferings: There is Accountability

- i. Do NOT speak evil of a bro. – Christ will Judge (4:11-12)
- ii. Do NOT seek Earthly Treasure: Obedience 4 Kingdom Inheritance (4:13-15)
- iii. Boasting in Earthly Confidence is Evil: You will give an answer (4:16-17)

The ‘Great White Throne Judgement’ is for the Works of the ‘Unsaved:

- i. The corrupt rich will be Judged: (5:1-6)
 - a. Tribulation – Hades – GWT – Lake of Fire

'Injustice' WILL BE Judged: James' 'Housekeeping' [Rod of Righteousness]

- i. Coming of the Lord is at hand (5:7-8)
 - ii. Do NOT Grumble against one another: The Judge is Coming (5:9)
 - iii. Follow the OT Examples: *Suffering to God's Intended end* (5:10-11)
 - iv. Make sure your Words NOW – Be True: The King is Coming (5:12)
 - v. Physical Suffering? : Worship & Seek Intercession (5:13)
 - vi. Sick? : Prayer and Medical Treatment (5:14-15)
 - a. If it is Divine Chastisement: Prayer of Faith 4 Forgiveness
 - b. Confess & Examine your hearts 2 heal sickness/stop sickness
 - c. The Prayer of an obedient -faithful – righteous man:
 - vii. 'Saving the Saved': "Seek to Save the Sinning Saint from 'Suffering Loss'.
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