

MASTERING THE BIBLE

All You Need to Know About the New Testament

Introduction

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I. Course Overview

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- memorize chapter outlines

- memorize key verses and memorization verses

III. Practical Application

- Individual

- Family

- Body of Christ

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- Lecture

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Old Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Hebrew/Aramaic

Contents: History/Prophecy

English Bible Arrangement (according to the Septuagint)

Law Genesis-Deuteronomy	History Joshua-Esther	Writings Psalms-Song of Solomon	Prophets Isaiah-Malachi
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Hebrew Bible Arrangement

Law Genesis-Deuteronomy	Prophets Joshua-Malachi (minus Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)	Writings Job-II Chronicles (including Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)
Torah	Neviim	Ketuvim
תּוֹרָה	נְבִיאִים	כְּתוּבִים
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New Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Greek

Contents: History/Doctrine (Teaching)

History Matthew - Acts	Doctrine (Teaching) Romans - Revelation																					
	Paul's Writings										Jewish Literature											
	Romans	I Corinthians	II Corinthians	Galatians	Ephesians	Philippians	Colossians	I Thessalonians	II Thessalonians	I Timothy	II Timothy	Titus	Philemon	Hebrews	James	I Peter	II Peter	I John	II John	III John	Jude	Revelation

II Corinthians 10:4-6

- 4) For the tools of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful *with* God for the pulling down of strongholds;
- 5) pulling down reasonings and every high thing exalting itself against the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought into the obedience of Christ;
- 6) and having in readiness that we should avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience should be fulfilled.

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INTRODUCTION TO JAMES

I. James in the New Testament

The Book of James is part of a collection of books in the New Testament that are called the Jewish Literature. The Jewish Literature begins with the Book of Hebrews and continues through to the end of the Book of Revelation.

II. The Theme of the Book

- The theme of the book is found in James 2:20, "**Faith without works is dead.**"

III. The Style of the Book

- The Book of James is not a doctrinal book. James is a commentary on the Sermon on the Mount given by Jesus in Matthew chapters 5 through 7. Everything that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount is found in the letter of James. The letter of James is made up of a series of tests, by which the genuineness of salvation can be determined.

IV. Date of Writing

- Written around 45 A.D.
- Josephus the church historian tells us James was martyred in 62 A.D.

V. To Whom it was Written

- Verse one tells us that James was written to the Twelve Tribes which were scattered. These were Jewish believers who had scattered outside of Israel because of persecution. This group is officially known as the Diaspora.

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INTRODUCTION TO JAMES (continued)

VI. The Author

- The writer of James is introduced to us in Verse 1. The Greek word for James is the word for the Hebrew name Jacob.
- There are four prominent people in the New Testament by the name of James.
 - The first one is James, who with his brother John are known as the sons of Zebedee. They are presented to us in Mark 1:19. This James was put to death by Herod Agrippa as recorded in Acts 12:2. So he is not the writer of this letter.
 - Secondly, there is James the son of Alphaeus. He is presented to us in Mark 3:18 as one of the disciples. We don't have any more information about James the son of Alphaeus.
 - The third one is presented to us in Luke 6:16 where we are told about Judas the son of James. This Judas is not Judas Iscariot. Since this James is the father of one of the disciples mentioned in Luke 6:16, he would have been too old or even dead by the time James was written therefore he cannot be the author.
 - Fourthly, James that is given to us in the New Testament and by tradition as well as scripture itself it is presented to us as the writer of this letter. The tradition from Jerome, Augustine, and other writers says James the writer of the Letter of James is the half-brother of Jesus.
- In Mathew 13:55 it tells us that Mary and Joseph, after the birth of Jesus Christ, gave birth to other children. There are four brothers mentioned along with sisters. James is listed first so he must have been the oldest.
- John 7:5 tells us that during Jesus' earthly ministry, His earthly brothers were taunting Him and did not believe in Him. I Corinthians 15:5 tells us that after Jesus died and rose from the dead He appeared to James His brother, as well as the other disciples and family, and they became believers in Jesus Christ.
- Acts Chapter 15 records that by the time the early church was formed, James the half-brother of Jesus was then in charge of and leading the church that is in Jerusalem.
- In Galatians 1:19 Paul says that when he went in to Jerusalem he looked for the leaders and he spent time with James the Lord's brother. So scripture, as well as tradition, backs up the fact that we are studying a letter that was written by the half-brother of Jesus Christ, a natural born child to Joseph and Mary.

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VI. The Author (continued)

- There is also another letter in the New Testament that was written by a half- brother of Jesus and that is the Book of Jude. It is a one chapter book right before the book of Revelation. So we have actually 2 letters in the New Testament by believing half- brothers of Jesus Christ and none of them of course pulled the “I’m a brother of Jesus” card to bring out their superiority or even to get favoritism from the early church.

VII. The Outline of the Book of James

Chapter 1	The Development of Faith
Chapter 2	The Activity of Faith
Chapter 3	The Maturity of Faith
Chapter 4	The Enemy of Faith
Chapter 5	The Function of Faith

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James Chapter 1 The Development of Faith

Chapter 1

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James 1:1 The Introduction



¹James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

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James Chapter 1 The Development of Faith

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Chapter 1 (continued)

C.O.	James 1:2-4 The Explanation of the Process of Faith	2 <u>My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;</u>
M.V.	James 1:2	
M.V.	James 1:3	3 <u>Knowing <i>this</i>, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.</u>
M.V.	James 1:4	4 <u>But let patience have <i>her</i> perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.</u>

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Chapter 1 (continued)

C.O.

James 1:5-8
**The Explanation of the Prayer
of Faith**

M.V.

James 1:5

M.V.

James 1:6

M.V.

James 1:8



5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

⁷ For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

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James 1:9-12
**The Explanation of the Position
of Faith**

⁹ Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

¹⁰ But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

¹¹ For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

¹² Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

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C.O.

James 1:13-18
**The Explanation of the
Philosophy of Faith**

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¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
¹⁶ Do not err, my beloved brethren.
¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
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James Chapter 1 The Development of Faith (continued)

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Chapter 1 (continued)

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James 1:19-25
The Explanation of the
Procedure of Faith

¹⁹ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

²⁰ For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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James Chapter 1 The Development of Faith (continued)

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Chapter 1 (continued)

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James 1:26-27
**The Explanation of the
Performance of Faith**

²⁶ If any man among you seem to be religious, and
bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this
man's religion *is* vain.

²⁷ Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father
is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their
affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

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James Chapter 1 The Development of Faith (continued)

James 1:26-27 The Explanation of the Performance of Faith

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James Chapter 2 The Activity of Faith
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James 2:1-4 The First Principle of Faith

M.V.

James 2:1

Chapter 2

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons.

² For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

³ And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

⁴ Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

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James Chapter 2 The Activity of Faith

James 2:1-4 The First Principle of Faith

Verse 1 The Principle

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Verses 2-4 The Problem

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James 2:5-7
The Second Principle of Faith

M.V.

James 2:5

5 Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

⁶ But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

⁷ Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

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James Chapter 2 The Activity of Faith (continued)

James 2:5-7 The Second Principle of Faith

Verse 5 The Principle

⁵ **Hearken,
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**Hath not God chosen the poor of this world
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Verse 6a The Problem

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Verses 6b-7 The Proper Perspective

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and draw you before the judgment seats?**

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James 2:8-13
Prejudice and Faith

K.V.

James 2:8
Leviticus 19:18

M.V.

James 2:10

K.V.

James 2:11
Exodus 20:13-14

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

⁹ But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

¹² So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

¹³ For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

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James Chapter 2 The Activity of Faith (continued)

James 2:8-13 Prejudice and Faith

Verse 8 The Principle

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Verses 9-11 The Problem

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Verses 12-13 The Proper Perspective

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James 2:14-20
The Proof of Faith

M.V.

James 2:14

14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

¹⁶ And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

M.V.

James 2:19

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

M.V.

James 2:20

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

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James Chapter 2 The Activity of Faith (continued)

James 2:14-20 The Proof of Faith

Verse 14 Works Described

¹⁴ **What *doth it* profit,
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Verses 15-16 Works Applied

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Verses 17-18 Faith Described

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Verse 19 Faith Applied

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Verse 20 Faith Defined

²⁰ **But wilt thou know,
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Chapter 2 (continued)

C.O.	James 2:21-26 The Portrayal of Faith	21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? ²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. ²⁴ Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent <i>them</i> out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
K.V.	James 2:21 Genesis 22:9	
K.V.	James 2:23 Genesis 15:6; Isaiah 41:8	
K.V.	James 2:25 Joshua 2:1-21; 6:17	
M.V.	James 2:26	

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James Chapter 2 The Activity of Faith (continued)

James 2:21-26 The Portrayal of Faith

Verses 21-24 The Consideration of Abraham

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Verse 25 The Consideration of Rahab

²⁵ **Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot
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Verse 26 The Conclusion

²⁶ **For as the body without the spirit is dead,
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James Chapter 3 The Maturity of Faith
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C.O.

James 3:1-12 The Instructions for the Tongue

M.V.

James 3:1

M.V.

James 3:2

Chapter 3

1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

³ Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

⁴ Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

⁶ And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

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James Chapter 3 The Maturity of Faith

James 3:1-12 The Instructions for the Tongue

Verses 1-2 The Command

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Verses 3-5 The Comparisons

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Verse 6 The Corruption of the Tongue

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Chapter 3 (continued)

M.V.

James 3:8

⁷ For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

¹¹ Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?

¹² Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

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James Chapter 3 The Maturity of Faith (continued)

James 3:1-12 The Instructions for the Tongue (continued)

Verses 7-8 The Control of the Tongue

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and of serpents,
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Verses 9-12 The Consistency of the Tongue

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Chapter 3 (continued)

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James 3:13-18
The Instruction for the Mind

¹³ Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

¹⁴ But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

¹⁵ This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

¹⁶ For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

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James Chapter 3 The Maturity of Faith (continued)

James 3:13-18 The Instruction for the Mind

Verse 13 The Command

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Verses 14-16 The Components of Man's Wisdom

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James Chapter 4 The Enemy of Faith

Chapter 4

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James 4:1-6 The Instruction Concerning the World

¹From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?

²Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

M.V.

James 4:3

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

M.V.

James 4:4

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

K.V.

James 4:5 Exodus 20:5; 34:14

5 **Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?**

K.V.

James 4:6 Proverbs 3:34 LXX

6 **But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.**

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James 4:1-6 The Instruction Concerning the World

Verse 1 The Cause of the Problem

¹**From whence
come wars
and
fightings
among you?**

**come they not hence,
even of your lusts
that war in your members?**

Verses 2-3 The Consequences of the Problem

²**Ye lust,
and have not:**

**ye kill,
and desire to have,
and cannot obtain:**

**ye fight
and war,
yet ye have not,
because ye ask not.**

³**Ye ask,
and receive not,
because ye ask amiss,
that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.**

Verses 4-6 The Connection for the Problem

⁴**Ye adulterers
and adulteresses,**

**know ye not that
the friendship of the world
is enmity with God?**

**whosoever therefore
will be a friend of the world
is the enemy of God.**

⁵**Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain,
The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?**

⁶**But he giveth more grace.
Wherefore he saith,**

**God resisteth the proud,
but giveth grace unto the humble.**

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James 4:7-10
The Instruction Concerning
Our Response to the World

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James 4:7

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James 4:9

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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James Chapter 4 The Enemy of Faith (continued)

James 4:7-10 The Instruction Concerning Our Response to the World

Verses 7-10 The Commands for the Problem

⁷ **Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil,**

and he will flee from you.

⁸ **Draw nigh to God,
and he will draw nigh to you.**

Cleanse *your* hands,
ye sinners;
and purify *your* hearts,
ye double minded.

⁹ **Be afflicted,
and mourn,
and weep:**

**let your laughter
be turned to mourning,**

**and *your* joy
to heaviness.**

¹⁰ **Humble yourselves
in the sight of the Lord,**

and he shall lift you up.

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James 4:11-12
**The Instruction Concerning
Judging One Another**

¹¹ Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

¹² There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

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James Chapter 4 The Enemy of Faith (continued)

James 4:11-12 The Instruction Concerning Judging One Another

Verse 11 The Command Concerning Judging

**¹¹ Speak not evil one of another,
brethren.**

**He that speaketh evil of *his* brother,
and judgeth his brother,**

**speaketh evil of the law,
and judgeth the law:**

**but if thou judge the law,
thou art not a doer of the law,
but a judge.**

Verse 12 The Conclusion Concerning Judging

**¹² There is one lawgiver,
who is able to save and to destroy:**

who art thou that judgest another?

Chapter 4 (continued)

C.O.	James 4:13-17 The Instruction Concerning Presumption	↑ ↓	<u>13</u> <u>Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:</u>
M.V.	James 4:13		<u>14</u> <u>Whereas ye know not what <i>shall be</i> on the morrow. For what <i>is</i> your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.</u>
M.V.	James 4:14		¹⁵ For that ye <i>ought</i> to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.
			¹⁶ But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
M.V.	James 4:17	<u>17</u> <u>Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth <i>it</i> not, to him it is sin.</u>	

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James Chapter 4 The Enemy of Faith (continued)

James 4:13-17 The Instruction Concerning Presumption

Verse 13 The Confession of Presumption

**¹³ Go to now,
ye that say,**

**To day or to morrow
we will go into such a city,
and continue there a year,
and buy and sell,
and get gain:**

Verse 14 The Correct Perspective

¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow.

**For what *is* your life?
It is even a vapour,
that appeareth for a little time,
and then vanisheth away.**

Verse 15 The Correct Confession

¹⁵ For that ye *ought* to say,

**If the Lord will,
we shall live,
and do this,
or that.**

Verse 16 The Consequence of Presumption

**¹⁶ But now ye rejoice
in your boastings:**

all such rejoicing is evil.

Verse 17 The Conclusion Concerning Presumption

**¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good,
and doeth *it* not,**

to him it is sin.

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James Chapter 5 The Function of Faith
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James 5:1-6 Instruction for the Rich

M.V.

James 5:1

Chapter 5

1 Go to now, *ye* rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*.

² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

³ Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

⁴ Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

⁵ Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

⁶ Ye have condemned *and* killed the just; *and* he doth not resist you.

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James Chapter 5 The Function of Faith

James 5:1-6 Instruction for the Rich

Verse 1 The Command
 Go to now,
 ye rich men,

 weep
 and howl
 for your miseries
 that shall come upon *you*.

Verses 2-3 The Cause
 ² **Your riches**
 are corrupted,
 and your garments
 are moth-eaten.

 ³ **Your gold**
 and silver
 is cankered;

 and the rust of them
 shall be a witness against you,
 and shall eat your flesh
 as it were fire.

 Ye have heaped treasure together
 for the last days.

Verse 4 The Cry
 ⁴ **Behold,**
 the hire of the labourers
 who have reaped down your fields,
 which is of you kept back by fraud,
 crieth:

 and the cries of them
 which have reaped
 are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

Verses 5-6 The Condition

⁵ **Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth,**
 and been wanton;

 ye have nourished your hearts,
 as in a day of slaughter.

⁶ **Ye have condemned**
 and killed
 the just;
 and he doth not resist you.

Chapter 5 (continued)

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James 5:7-11
Instruction Concerning
Responding to the World

⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

⁹ Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

¹⁰ Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

¹¹ Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

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James Chapter 5 The Function of Faith (continued)

James 5:7-11 Instruction Concerning Responding to the World

Verse 7 First Command

**⁷ Be patient therefore,
brethren,
unto the coming of the Lord.**

**Behold,
the husbandman
waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth,
and hath long patience for it,
until he receive the early and latter rain.**

Verse 8 Second Command

**⁸ Be ye also patient;
stablish your hearts:
for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

Verse 9 Third Command

**⁹ Grudge not one against another,
brethren,
lest ye be condemned:
behold,
the judge standeth before the door.**

Verse 10 The Consideration of the Prophets

**¹⁰ Take,
my brethren,
the prophets,
who have spoken
in the name of the Lord,
for an example of suffering affliction,
and of patience.**

Verse 11 The Consideration of Job

**¹¹ Behold,
we count them happy which endure.
Ye have heard of the patience of Job,
and have seen the end of the Lord;
that the Lord is very pitiful,
and of tender mercy.**

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James 5:12
Instruction Concerning
Swearing of Oaths



¹² But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

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James Chapter 5 The Function of Faith (continued)

James 5:12 Instruction Concerning Swearing of Oaths

Verse 12 The Command

¹² **But above all things,
my brethren,**

**swear not,
neither by heaven,
neither by the earth,
neither by any other oath:**

**but let your yea be yea;
and *your* nay, nay;**

lest ye fall into condemnation.

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Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.	James 5:13-18 Instruction Concerning Prayer	↑	¹³ Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
M.V.	James 5:14		14 <u>Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:</u>
M.V.	James 5:15		15 <u>And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.</u>
M.V.	James 5:16		16 <u>Confess <i>your</i> faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.</u>
			¹⁷ Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.
K.V.	James 5:18 I Kings 17:1; 18:1, 41-45	↓	18 <u>And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.</u>

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James Chapter 5 The Function of Faith (continued)

James 5:13-18 Instruction Concerning Prayer

Verse 13 The Command for the afflicted
¹³ **Is any among you afflicted?**

let him pray.

Is any merry?

let him sing psalms.

Verses 14-16 The Command for the Sick

¹⁴ **Is any sick among you?**

let him call for the elders of the church;

**and let them pray over him,
anointing him with oil**

in the name of the Lord:

¹⁵ **And the prayer of faith
shall save the sick,**

and the Lord shall raise him up;

**and if he have committed sins,
they shall be forgiven him.**

¹⁶ **Confess *your* faults one to another,
and pray one for another,**

that ye may be healed.

The effectual fervent prayer

**of a righteous man
availeth much.**

Verses 17-18 The Consideration Concerning Prayer

¹⁷ **Elias was a man
subject to like passions as we are,**

**and he prayed earnestly
that it might not rain:**

**and it rained not on the earth
by the space of three years and six months.**

¹⁸ **And he prayed again,**

**and the heaven gave rain,
and the earth brought forth her fruit.**

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James 5:19-20
Instruction Concerning
Unbelievers

¹⁹ Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

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James Chapter 5 The Function of Faith (continued)

James 5:19-20 Instruction Concerning Unbelievers

Verse 19 Conversion

¹⁹ **Brethren,
if any of you do err from the truth,
and one convert him;**

Verse 20 Conclusion

²⁰ **Let him know,
that he which converteth the sinner
from the error of his way
shall save a soul from death,
and shall hide a multitude of sins.**

