

John
Noah
Moses
David 6 women
Hog, shah
Peter Mt 20. Lost
denied
Jn Mark
Denial

James 1:2-12

WHY TRIALS?

Intro. Common 1Cor 10:13. Noah drunk, Abraham, Moses striking. Jacob. Joe's bro. David's sins. Hezekiah showing. Jonah. Peter. Jn Mark. Why me?

I. Meaning. Test, tempt. Evil, sin, 13, 15.

II. Purposes
1. Endurance. Heb. 12:1 2Th 3:5. Jas 5:11 *2 Cor 1:6*

2. Mature in all parts. Heb 2:10; 5:89

3. Dependence on God for wisdom, 5-8

IF no ans bec no faith that God's way includes no doubting / best *not why? what?*

Total allegiance, not 2-souled
Acts 4:23-30

4. Focus on position in X, 9-11
and see life and money as transitory.

5. Reward of crown of life for loving in trials. *Rom 2:10*

III. Defenses in tests, 12-16

1. Don't blame God. *circumstances. So Don environment* Now solicitatn to evil, not just tests. Exam can be test to prove worth or door to cheating.

2. Squelch lust. Desires. Could start as good, then slip over to evil.

- a. By fleeing, 2 Tim 2:22
- b. By destroying, Rom 13:14
- c. By good company 2 Tim 2:22

3. Pray Mt 6:13. Don't permit us to be led into tempt and if in, deliver us from committing evil.

Concl. Impt ? in tests is not WHY? but What should I do now. Ans. pass

Now can test drive can become temptation drive
Exam:
Test in school comes from teacher
Temptation arises in student.

Me Discriminate? Never

Intro. Acts 10:9-16, 34. Only there, Rom 2:11; Eph. 6:9; Col 3:25
 Jas 2:1,9. 2:4 discriminate.

I. The Command, 1.

Stop doing what doing. Partiality, favoritism. Deut. 1:17.
 Relates to our faith in Lord, the Glory (don't repeat Lord)
 Heb. 1:3.

II. The Case in Point, 2-3

Synagogue=ch 5:14. Gold ring sign of wealth, Lk 15:22.
 Large like class ring. Someone greeted and assigned seat.

III. Consequences, 4-13

1. Discrimination, 4. Diff word. =Heb 5:14 good discrim.
2. Show selves to be evil thinking judges, 4.
3. Lack God's viewpoint, 5. 1 Cor. 1:25
4. Give tacit approval to rich's wrongs, 6-7 5:4.
 Oppress, blaspheme name of Jesus who is Messiah.
5. Sin by violating law, 8-9 Lk 10:27, desparate;
 Gal 5:14 weaker; here, poor; Rom 13:9 everyone.
6. Under condemnation of whole law, 10-12 ^{About to be judged at} _{bema}
7. Be shoen no mercy, 13. To merciful, judgmt is
 no threat. Last chpt not written on earth.

IV. Applications

1. To how we treat others ^{coming in to} ~~Xn~~ church. Unsaved people.
2. To ones we try to evangelize. Young Life. "I'm not
 impt enuf for them to be interested in me."
 If he/she would bec Xn think what could do for Lord.
3. To those whom we choose for leaders. Not bec have
 prof qualifications but spiritual ones. Slaves as
 elders.
4. Does not mean can't have friends. X did.
5. Does not mean ^{never} make judgments. Heb 5:14; 1Cor 2:15.
 Mt 7:1-5.

FAITH AND WORKS (no fruit nec.)

Intro. Pendulum. (1) Say dead faith can save. (2) Load faith with works of submission, continuing to bel and work. (3) Emp is on false claim to faith, not defof faith.v 14

I. The Inquiry, 14

Can the kind of faith that has no works save? Gr. expects NO. NKJV should add that or such faith (def art). ? is not, can faith save, but can non-working faith save. use=profit=v16

II. The Illustration, 15-17

Naked. No outer garment, Jn 21:7 John naked.

Hungry. Go in peace, normal Jewish farewell. =I can't do anything for you. Let someone else fill and warm you.

No use or profit obviously. Such faith is dead. Acc to itself-its own measurement, it is dead. Workless =worthless

III. The Instruction, 18-26

Intro, 18. A challenger thinks James overemphasizing faith one can stress faith and another works. " ends at middle. James' reply is last half of v. NKJ but no NAS

1. Tho bel in monotheism of Judaism, if no works no better than monotheism of demons. Deut 6:4 ?
Orthodox bel but no relationship. True of Jews and profXns
2. Workless faith dead.²⁰ Arge from ergon (wk) + neg. alpha.
Workless fath does not work. Also tr barren, idle (Mt 20:3)
3. Abr's²¹⁻²⁴ just 15:6 was matured when 30 yrs later offered Isaac. Bel about seed when no heir and when asked to sac heir bec beld res (Heb 11:17-19).²⁴ may ref to living faith or justified before people in court on earth.
? court of heaven before God. Rom 3.
4. Gentile, woman, pagan, prostitute justf by working faith, 25. She beld God gave Canaan to Is (Josh 2:9) so acted on that and sent spies out another way.
5. Faith alone justifies but not the kind of faith that is alone, 26 just like material without imm is dead.

Illus of 2 coupon ticket. Good for passage; not good if det OR Does thunder or lightning do damage. Lig but only the kind that is acc by thunder. Summer, heat lig doesn't do anything.

TONGUE IN CHECK

Intro. Prov 15:1-4. Subj raised bec of disc faith/works.
Also 1:19, 26.

I. Warnings to those who have tongues, 1-2

A. Teachers, 1. Almost anyone could speak in syn and ch.
Teacher has resp and author to lead into truth. 1Cor12:28.

2. All. tis, m.&f. Stumble=sin=go astray.

3. Males. Mature, full moral and spiritual growth, 1:4.

Women and tongues, 1 Tim 3:11; 5:13. Here men.

Bridle, control whole body=activity.

II. Tongue controls, 2b-4.

Whole body-course of life. Like bridles in horses; mouths
and rudders on ships. 1 or 2 paddles at stern. P's had 276
passengers + cargo. Ships (1) large (2) driven by winds.
Yet little rudder controls. I will please Lord. Say it
out loud each day. I will not...I will.

III. Tongue Consumes, 5-8

1. Boasts. Inflates impt of self, ideas. 5a

2. Enflames, consumes whole life with evil and like Gehenna
always continues to burn. 5b-6 *Smoking Beer 5b yrs 1913.*

3. Consumes restraints, 7 unruly=unstable of 1:8, *Shoot off*

4. Death-dealing poison, 8. Kill ambition, aeput, char, live. *mouth.*

IV. Tongue Contradicts, ^{11x4} 9-12

1. Blesses God and curses His images. Defaced, not erased, ¹⁰9.

2. Impossible, 3 illus, water, fig tree, grape vine. 11-12.
but possible thru exchanged (not changed) life.

Concl.

Mouth exhibits what's in heart, Mt 15:10, 18

Listen to God, then pray, Jas 1:19. Eccl. 5:1-2

Guard your steps as you go to the house of God, and draw
near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools
Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring
up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven
and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.

WISE OR OTHERWISE

I_ntro. 1:5. Lack in tests, ask, faith to give total allegiance to God's best way. Prov 1:7;9:10. Reverence in submission. Awe

I. Meaning of Wisdom, 13. Right use of know=understanding. =teacher, expert. *Teacher no. ? by "we are"*

II. Manifestation, 13. Beautiful conduct in wise meekness. Controlled (right use of) wisdom. Good works, good demeanor.

III. Worldly wisdom, 14-16

A.. Its motives, 14

1. Bitter envy, jealousy.
2. Selfish ambition (not rivalry).
3. Arrogance, boasting. ("I knew that")
4. untruthful.

B. Its sources, 16

1. Earthly. Not nec wrong but not God's perspective. Jn 3:12
2. Natural, sensual. Part/~~temporal~~, ^{sensual}mundane, 2 Cor 4 of unsaved life. Jude 19, 1 Cor 2:14.
3. Demonic. ^{-like} Not guided by HS. 1 Tim 4:1-3.

C. Its results, 16

1. Disorder, commotions (Lk 21:9).
2. Evil. Worthless practice.

IV. Heavenly Wisdom, 17-18

1. ^{A. Character} Inward ^{is} purity--pure.
2. Outward manif. makes peace, not strife.
 - Gentle, considerate of others
 - Reasonable, compliant, not superior.
 - Full of mercy, good fruit, unwavering (from truth), no hypocrisy or pretense.

B. Result, 18

Peaceable people plant in peace and righteousness is harvest. Never at expense of truth or what God would not approve of.

Concl Col 4:5-6

WORLDLY? MOI?

Intro. Back to 1st C. church! Worldly not in Xn vocab now. Orderly sys headed by S oppos to God and leaves Him out. Worldliness leaves God out.

I. Characteristics of W. 1-2a

- A. Outward. 1. Wars. General hostility. Armed camps. v. 11 may show kinds of wars.
2. Specific battles, fights, outbursts.
- B. Inward. 1. Hedonistic lusts. v 3, Tit 3:3. Desire to please, pleasure self. Not only sexually sensual, but to please any of senses.
2. Lusts, desires, yearnings, wanting something. Can lead to lit. killing or killing reputation, char. Matt 5:21-26; 1 Jn 3:15. Thorns in Lk 8:14.

II. Consequences of W. 2b-5

- A. Arid, dry prayer life. Not asking or asking evilly to satisfy hedonism. Cure is ask for God's wisdom, 1:5. *in His will.*
- B. Spiritual adultery, 4.
Only adulteresses in text bec we are bride of X. 2 Cor 11:2
Friend=phileo=passionate love for world, Jn 5:20. (3:35 ag Love of young lovers. Agap=esteem, value. Know=intelligently not nec by experimenting.
- C. Disobedience to Script and dishonoring to HS, 5.
HS longs jealousy for us. We spurn Him when worldly.

III. Cure for W. 6-10.

- A. In general, 6. Receive grace to be humble. *"perhaps most comprehensive instruction to sal. in epistle" MEA 218*
= realize you have a lowly position. Undistinguished. Grovelling, despised. Bad outside Xnty. Grace in Xnty. Lowliness, no arrogance, pride. 2 Cor 11:7. Humility is the attitude about my undist. self which results in promoting God in my life. Self vs. God.
- B. How to do this specifically, 7-10. 10 commands.
1. Be submissive. Stand under God. 7. *Being prepared with armor*
 2. Be standing ag Satan., Eph. 6:13; 7. *take stand. From Him.*
 3. Be on God's side. 8a. God seems far away bec we are far
 4. Be repentant, 8b-9
Affects outward hands, inner heart, and broken spirit or emotions.
 5. Be humble. 10.

Concl. W affects all Xns. Acknowledge specifics. Examine allegiance in all details of life. Act with humility.

D(eo) V(olente)

Intro. Still speaking of worldliness of 1-12. Plenty of bus. travel in 1st C. Aquila and Priscilla from Pontus-Rome-Cor-Eph-Rome-Eph (Acts 18, Rom 16; 2 Tim 4).

Also Acts 19:10. Not all done by P. but bus people as trav

I. Attitude of Worldly people, 13

Elaborate and specific plans but without God.

1. Time. 2. Place. 3. Length. 4. Purpose.

II. Actualities of life, 14.

1. Don't know what will happen tomorrow.

2. Life is like a vapor. NIV, NKJV better punctutn.

Vapor. L.=steam. Only Acts 2:19, smoke. Unsubstantial, transitory. Evaporate. What kind of life? \checkmark vapor

III. Antidote, 15 (counteracts and prevents)

Antidote is D.V.

1. If I live, then 2. If I can do.

Not ag. planning but ag. godless planning. Worldly, leaving God out. Not ritualistic formula but att. Yet helps to say at beg of each day. P's ex. Acts 18:21; 1Cor 4:19; 16:7; Phil. 2:19, 24.

IV. Arrogances of worldly people. 16-17

1. Think they can boast of their supposed abilities, 16.

Noun only in 1 Jn 2:16 pride of possessions. Adj. in Rom 1:30; 2 Tim 3:2. Evil bec leaves God out.

2. Think they are acceptable bec haven't committed sins,

17. But sins of omission are sins. hamartia in 17 is miss and hit. e.g. miss sal or rewards by omission.

Intro. Whom think of when say "rich?" Love of money, 1Tim 6:10
 How much have to have to love it? Prov 11:28 trust in rich
 Wealthy in Bible—Abr Job, David, Joe of Arimethea, Barnabas.

I. Condemnation of the Greedy/Corrupt Rich, 1-6.

A. People who are they? la
 Members of cong in 1:10-11 and 2:2 is visitor. These unsavory
 landowners.

B. Prospect 1b-3. What can be predicted of them and wealth?
 1. Misery, 1b. Maybe in present life ^{thru self-indulgence} also in future.

Jas speaks with prophetic certainty.

2. Deterioration, 2-3a. Grain rotted, Lk 12:15. Moths eat
 clothes (sign of wealth, 2:2), gold rusts. Real doesn't but
 rust symbol of nonuse. /—in last days, not for. Now.

3. Destruction, 3b. What done now will judge later.

C. Their Practice, 4-6. What were they doing?

1. Exploiting the workers 4. Mt 20: pay each day. They
 didn't even pay all owed. "being kept back" or "stolen"
2. Enjoying themselves, 5. Luxury and wanton (wasteful indu)
3. Expropriating workers' goods, 6. by manipulating legal
 system.

Reaction: No resistance, Mt 5:39-42. Had rights but didn't
 exercise them.

II. Comfort/Commands to
 Confidence of the Christian, 7-11

1. Be longsuffering, 7-8a. Like farmer. No retaliation.
 Long, not short fuse. Early rains in fall when planting;
 latter in spring when ripening.

2. Be strong, 8b. Nec bec trials come while waiting.

3. Be uncomplaining, 9. Don't groan, sigh, internally &
 usually unexpressed sounds without words. Rom 8:26.

4. Be instructed, 10-11

a. By prophets, 10. Jer-no wife, 16:2; stocks, 20:2;
 prison, 32:2; cistern, 38:6; Heb 11:36-40.

b. By Job, 11. Lost health, wealth, family, 1:21. Tho he
 complained he didn't waver in trust in God.

Outcome—learned of God's compassion.

Concl. Be particular in discharging debts.

Give up rights.

What not seen more impt than what seen

What God says most important.

Judge is at door, 9 and we have to answer to Him without
 excuses and rationalizations.

Concerns ^{for the Believers} on the Road of Life

Intro. etc.1:1 to (Jewish) Xns thruout world.

I. Concn Oaths, 12.

Under persecution or stress don't deny respon. ^{Mt 26:72} under oath.

In ordinary speech don't reinforce words by adj. Simple

Yes or No, Matt 5:33-37. "Honest truth" "I really mean it."

No profanity. "darn shame"

In court. ? Not courtroom context. DON'T USE

II. Concn Suffering, (ills), 13a. M^ure than illness, hardship
distress, mental, emotional. Suffer misfortune.

2 Tim 2:9 (P inprison), 4:5 hardship. 5:10 prophets. PRAY

III. Concn. happiness, 13b. Thins going well. Sing which is
form of praise. Eph 5:19. SINGIV. Conc. sickness, 14-15 Can mean weak but also serious
illness, Jn 4:46-7. Laz Jn 11:1; Dorcas, Acts 9:37; Epap,
Phil 2:27. All near death. This person bedfast (raise him up
He can't go to elders, so really sick).

Sick takes initiative. Elders, not someone with gift heal.

Anoint olive oil. Therapeutic and symbolic. Had EDs then.

No RC extreme unction. 8th C.

Prayer of faith i.e. in accord with The faith, teaching re
sickness, God's will etc.

Sin involved. 1 Cor 11:29-30; 1 Jn 5:16.

God heals. Sickness for glory, Jn 9; bec natl causes, Epap,
for humility, 2 Cor 12, for sin. kammo-weariness that
accompanies sickness tho in classical =astheno.

V. Concn prayer, 16-18

All sin, 3:2. Confess-agree, no details. Confess for help.

Humble petition. Pray and be righteous, tho all sin! Elijah. 3½ not recorded

but rained on Mt Carmel. 1 Kg 18:41-46.

VI. Concn backsliden, 19-20. Among bel. Turn back, not
convert initially. Think of sins in letter.

Results: 1. save from physical death. soul=life, Mt 2:20.

2. cover sins =we do and God does. 1 Pet 4:8, Prov 10:12