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James

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C1-3

C1. Vss 1-27. Great words from the brother of Jesus. James is not the skillful writer of Paul, but he's like the writer of Proverbs giving brief bullets of wisdom.

He launches his letter speaking about troubles. When we look closely at all the writers and compare it to what we see today, our faith has been turned into a fantasy in many circles.

James helps the believers to see the virtue through the difficulty. Human beings attempt to make sense of the hardship. James says, it makes us complete. That is, we become like Jesus. Since He is the model of enduring hardship.

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He shifts to wisdom. He views wisdom as a priority. It guides the believer. James says ask! He further warns about faith instability. It's not possible to achieve anything with unstable faith.

James has special words for the poor, and warnings to the rich. He knows the rich are challenged to be humble. James helps every believer understand the source of temptation. God does not tempt anyone to sin.

James cannot give the piercing analysis that the Apostle Paul gives in Romans 7. However, he knows temptation comes from within human beings. They manifest themselves in actions, and those actions have deathly consequences.

James warns about anger. Every believer needs to 'hear' James wisdom. Listen! Be quick means to listen first. How often there are those who want to show what they know. There is also re danger for leader and those who teach. Everyone had to maintain a position as a learner. Too often we are answer life-questions so often we become the "answer-person." No one has all the answers. When we stop listening we stop learning, and when we stop learning we stop growing in the faith.

As with the other writers believers are to be free of filth.

The next concern James addresses uncontrolled talking. The mouth can be devastating among believers. James is not speaking about foul language though all talking is implicated. Paul wants busy bodies to be controlled in the fellowship (.). There are so many ways that talkers can do damage in a fellowship without even trying to hurt anyone.

C2 Vss 1-26. James has seen favoritism and bias. They are fellowship killers. He does not mention race and culture. He uses social status as the example. Here's the pony James makes. It is sin!

Too bad the most discriminatory day in the Unites States is Sunday.

James turns to faith. All that has been shared about faith and, particularly grace James adds his perspective. Believing is not an invisible virtue for believers. Faith manifest itself in visible acts. The writer of Hebrews follows his definition of faith with the acts of people. He speaks of benevolence for the poor. Clearly James has a special place in his heart for the les fortunate. As with the writer of Hebrews, James too uses people.

C3 Vss 1-18 James returns to talking again. It almost appears that he is talking to another group or that it is another letter. He's more extensive with the issue of the tongue (see prior comments).

He also returns to the topic of wisdom. Again he's more detailed. He denotes jealousy and selfish ambition. He calls these demonic among other problems . As with the uncontrolled tongue they are fellowship killers.

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God's wisdom manifest itself in all kinds of benevolence toward others.

C4 The church is littered with arguing and disagreement. Again, these are fellowship killers. James confronts jealousy again and acts to take from some using any kind of tactic. James tells them to ask The Lord. They don't have because they do not ask. Then they ask with the wrong motives. They are pleasure driven.

Then he turns his attention to the sex sin of origin, adultery. But he uses adultery in the sense of being closely aligned with the world. Jesus used the analogy of thorns and thistles hearers.

Every thought and act and perception is like the world. James calls it adultery. This person is an enemy of God no matter how much this person confesses The Lord.

James calls on his readers to humble themselves before The Lord guidance and by resist, he means do the opposite of what the natural flesh would do. Do the opposite if the flesh desires and acts.

James dives into the matter of judging. This is understandable where people are mouthy and jealous. They are going to judge with bias-judgment. No doubt it appears that there is to be no judging whatsoever. However, this could not be the appropriate understanding of what James means because his letter is filled with judgments. So bias-judgment is his concern. They are so immature they should simply stay focus on themselves.

Then two nuggets. Be careful about saying we'll do thus and so. We don't know what tomorrow holds, and not doing when we know what to do.

James understands the principle his brother taught. The Lord's will. We don't belong to ourselves. We don't know our future.

C5 James leaps into the rich again. It's apparently generic and not necessarily to persons in the church.

James reminds them of the coming of The Lord. Words again about grumbling with each other. He revisits suffering.

He cover what needs to be done with the sick. Physical sickness requires a call for the elders, anointing, and the prayer of faith. Relational healing requires confession and praying for each other.

He wraps his letter with concern for those who have departed from the flock and sinners. Believers need to reach them. Work to being them back or

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