

JAMES: OUTLINE

I. REMEMBER GOD'S GIFTS (James 1).

- A. Remember God's Gifts in the Fire of Trial (1:1-12).
 - 1. The Trial of Faith Works Patience (1:1-4).
 - 2. The Prayer of Faith Yields Wisdom (1:5-8).
 - 3. The Humility of Faith Brings Joy (1:9-11).
 - 4. The Steadfast in Faith Receive a Crown (1:12).
- B. Remember God's Gifts in the Face of Temptation (1:13-20).
 - 1. God Lures No One into Sin (1:13).
 - 2. Man Lures Himself toward Sin (1:14-16).
 - 3. God Gives All People What Is Good (1:17).
 - 4. God Gives His People What Is Best (1:18-20).
- C. Remember God's Gifts & Follow in Truth (1:21-27).
 - 1. God's Word Changes Our Eternity (1:21).
 - 2. God's Word Changes Our Lives (1:22-25).
 - 3. God's Word Changes Our Language (1:26).
 - 4. God's Word Changes Our Religion (1:27).

II. PRACTICE GENUINE FAITH (James 2).

- A. The Faith of Christ Prohibits Partiality (2:1-13).
 - 1. Prejudice Indicates Evil Judgment (2:1-4).
 - 2. Prejudice Ignores God's Judgment (2:5-7).
 - 3. Prejudice Invites the Law's Judgment (2:8-13).
- B. The Faith of Christ Produces Work (2:14-26).
 - 1. Faith w/o Works Is Dead & Cannot Save (2:14-17).
 - 2. Faith w/o Works Is Dead & Has No Proof (2:18-20).
 - 3. Faith w/o Works Is Dead & Will Not Justify (2:21-26).

III. SHOW GOD'S WISDOM (James 3).

- A. Godly Teachers Bridle Their Mouths (3:1-12).
 - 1. The Tongue Must Be Controlled (3:1-5).
 - 2. The Effort Must Be Constant (3:5-8).
 - 3. The Words Must Be Consistent (3:9-12).
- B. Godly Wisdom Behaves in Meekness (3:13-18).
 - 1. True Wisdom Shows Proof.
 - 2. Worldly Wisdom Stirs Problems.
 - 3. Heavenly Wisdom Sows Peace.

IV. SEEK GOD'S WILL (James 4).

- A. Surrender to God in All Desires (4:1-10).
 - 1. The Lustful Have Emptiness in Life (4:1-3).
 - 2. The Lustful Are Enemies of God (4:4-5).
 - 3. The Lowly Are Exalted by God (4:6-10).
- B. Surrender to God in All Judgments (4:11-12).
 - 1. Badmouthing Brethren Condemn God's Law (4:11).
 - 2. God's Law Condemns Badmouthing Brethren (4:11-12).
- C. Surrender to God in All Plans (4:13-17).
 - 1. Men Make Many Plans (4:13).
 - 2. Tomorrow Makes No Promises (4:14).
 - 3. Wisdom Seeks God's Will (4:15).
 - 4. Sin Omits God's Will (4:16-17).

V. TRUST GOD'S HELP (James 5).

- A. Be Patient: the Lord Is Near (5:1-12).
 - 1. The Oppressors Will Be Condemned (5:1-6).
 - 2. The Patient Will Be Rewarded (5:7-8).
 - 3. The Grumblers Will Be Condemned (5:9).
 - 4. The Patient Will Be Blessed (5:10-11).
 - 5. The Swearer Will Be Condemned (5:12).
- B. Be Praying: the Lord Will Hear (5:13-20).
 - 1. Pray in Faith for the Sick: God Heals (5:13-15).
 - 2. Pray with Fervor for Each Other: God Helps (5:16-18).
 - 3. Pray for Forgiveness with the Erring: God Pardons (5:19-20).