



Blue Jean Christianity

Study in the Book of James

“James review”

- Chapter 1- Faith in Trials, Temptation and Perseverance
- Chapter 2- Faith and treatment of Others and Faith Evidenced by Life Change
- Chapter 3- Faith and the Tongue, and Faith brings “Wisdom from above”; which is Christ-Like in Character
- Chapter 4- Faith brings- Humility, selflessness, brokenness, graciousness

You might say, James presents a series of Tests to evaluate whether Faith really exists or not.

“James review” in Negative

- Chapter 1- Faithlessness in Trials, and Temptation produce double-mindedness
- Chapter 2- Faithless in treatment of Others causes favoritism and Faithless in daily walk (no Life Change) evidences a false faith.
- Chapter 3- Faithless and the Tongue cuts and wounds, and Faithlessness lacks the “Wisdom from above”
- Chapter 4- Faithless allows- fleshly, self centeredness; producing envy, lust, conflicts and quarrels, etc.

Breakdown of James 4:1-10

- Marks (evidence) of Fleshly (humanly natural), Selfish, Prideful attitudes (v.1-3)
- Propositional Statement (v.4-6)
- Marks (evidence) of Faith, repentance and the Spirit (v.7-12)

Marks of Flesh and Pride

- Quarrels, and Conflicts from the war within you (v.1; Gal.5:19-20)
- Lust, envy to the point of hate, etc. murder (v.2; 1Jn.3:15; 1Jn.2:9,11, 3:13, 4:20).
- Lack of dependent, submissive prayer life (v.2-3)
- Fleshly, greedy motives in prayer to gain earthly riches and wealth (v.3; 1Tim.6)

Consequences of Wandering Away

- Adulteresses – feminine gender (church); chasing another love (v.4)
- Friendship (seeking “reciprocal relationship”) with the world is enmity with God; (hostility, in opposition to; v.5; Rom.8:7; 2Tim.4:10)
- Friend “of” the world or “to” the world (Mtt.11:19; Lk.5:20; Jn.15:13; 1Jn.2:15-17)
- Spirit’s intent is to separate us from the world and unto God (v.5) “sanctification”
- Choose pride- face God’s opposition; Choose humility- receive God’s grace

The Way Home

- Surrender all natural human desires (flesh). . .
“submit to God” (v.7)
- Resist devil, his world (culture & system,
2Cor.4:4; Gal.1:4) his enticements (Jas.1:14)
- Draw near to God (v.8).
- Confess your sin (1Jn.1:9)
- “Godly sorrow” leads to repentance and salvation
(v.9; 2Cor.7:8-10)
- Godly humility (v.10)
- Transformed behavior toward Others (11-12)