

James - Practical Living

From Death 2 LIFE

09:55 am 5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

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10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

NEXT-GEN: 9am Sundays @ Balcony -

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - coming soon April - Host Family Needed

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am Michael Frazese - @YAG 253 Mahopac Ave



True North Youth Ranch - HAY DRIVE - PonyTails

sending out an email

Two weeks ago we started a new sermon series called “How Then Shall We Live in the Real World”

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? How should the EMPTY Grave affect the way we live??

How do a bunch of cowering, broken, fearing for their own lives.... followers, friends, & family members of Jesus transition to FEARLESS, Authoritative, confident, faithful believers of Jesus

From doubting to defending

each one transformed...

As we glance into the life of Jesus' own Brother Yacob or who actually wrote the Book of James..

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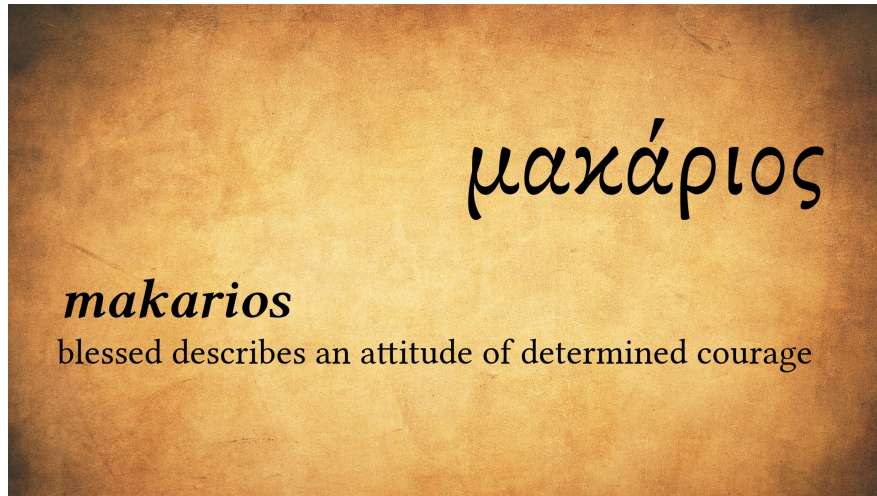
Loving God Under Trials

In this section, James calls his audience to persevere through the various difficulties they are experiencing, for it will result in their spiritual maturity.

James 1:12–15 NKJV

***Blessed* is the man who endures *temptation*; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**

Blessed is the person who endures *testing, trial*. In this context, “blessed”



describes an attitude of determined courage that is unaffected by external circumstances.

**Job 5:17 “Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects;
Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.**

Luke 6:22 - 23

**Blessed are you when men hate you,
And when they exclude you,
And revile you, and cast out your name as evil,
For the Son of Man’s sake.
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!
For indeed your reward is great in heaven**

And I can assure you that the days are increasing when more & more people will hate & despise you for standing & believing in the TRUTH of the Gospel.

1:13 No one who is being tempted should say “I am tempted by God.” James cautions Christians against interpreting temptations of their sinful desires as a test from God.

Was putting the tree in the garden a temptation itself? or, did the temptation stem from man's own selfish desires?

James asserts that God’s judgment against sin is the result of people’s own choices. All sin ultimately originates in individuals, not in any other source.

that's why he says in V.14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. enticed The Greek word *deleazō* describes drawing in an unsuspecting victim with an attractive bait or lure.

15 Then, when desire has *conceived*, it gives birth to *sin*; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. For the wages of SIN is death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Father of lights Recalling the creation account, “In the beginning God created the heavens & the earth, & the earth was w/o form & void, and the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters. The God said,” Let there be LIGHT”

James refers to God’s power over the sun, moon, and stars and explains that with God there is *no variation or shadow of change*

The fluctuation in light given off by the heavenly bodies (twinkle twinkle little star) contrasts with God’s constant nature.

18 Of *His own will* He brought us forth by the *word of truth*, that we might be a kind of *firstfruits* of His creatures.

James probably refers to the new birth of Christians here as in John 3:3–8 *Jesus describing to Nicodimus the need for a “Born Again” experience*

1 Pet 1:22-23

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the *truth* through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever

this interpretation best contrasts the imagery of sin giving birth to death. & Christ birthing LIFE from death... turning Graves into Gardens...

that we might be a kind of firstfruits

1 Corinthians 15:20-21

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

VÍDEO OUTRO “Graves into Gardens”

Have YOU been “Born Again?” - Are you amongst the 1st fruits of Jesus Christ?

if you haven't... *would you like to be?*

Did you learn something this morning? Did you tangibly feel His Presence?

I hope you are excited for the next several weeks as we learn to apply these teachings into our daily living... learn to walk in the newness of LIFE... ??

CALL TO ACTION

None of this will make any sense until you come to a place of asking HIM to enter into your heart. To wipe out the sin & cleanse your conscience

The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

See you next week....

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Jas 1:12–15.

John D. Barry et al., Faithlife Study Bible (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), Jas 1:2–18.

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