

Revision for Chapter 4 and 5

An Outline of Chapter 4 & 5 from James
"The Tree and The Fruit 2.0"
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Thesis verse for James is 3:13 - "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of Wisdom."

Thesis Statement for James:

1. "True believers will embody their faith through their Actions."
2. "The actions of true believers will embody their faith."

Chapter 4 Outline

- 1-6 - Pride leads to Greed
- 7-10 - SEEK (command to action) humility
- 11-12 - Pride leads to judgmentalism, humility sees equality
- 13-17 - Humility recognizes our finiteness

Chapter 4 Theme - Humility promotes Good Works, or Works of Faith

Chapter 5 Outline

- 1-6 - Greed leads to destruction in our time of Judgment
- 7-12 - Wait patiently for the Eternal
- 13-18 - Evidence of Faith's effectiveness
- 19-20 - Act!

Chapter 5 Theme - The evidence of Faith's works revealed. *Chapter 5 seems to both instruct while revealing to us what genuine faith will produce in a person.*

A Few possible applications:

1. Aid in Devotional depth
2. Broadening our understanding of a book or chapter. Greater contexts reveal bigger teachings
3. Suppressing Eisegesis. The outlining of a chapter or book helps see continuous and repeated ideas; this will make it difficult to impose an interpretation that is acute.
4. Magnifying Exegesis. The whole of Scripture must confer with itself to be true.

Hymn #581(Blue) - "Be an Example"