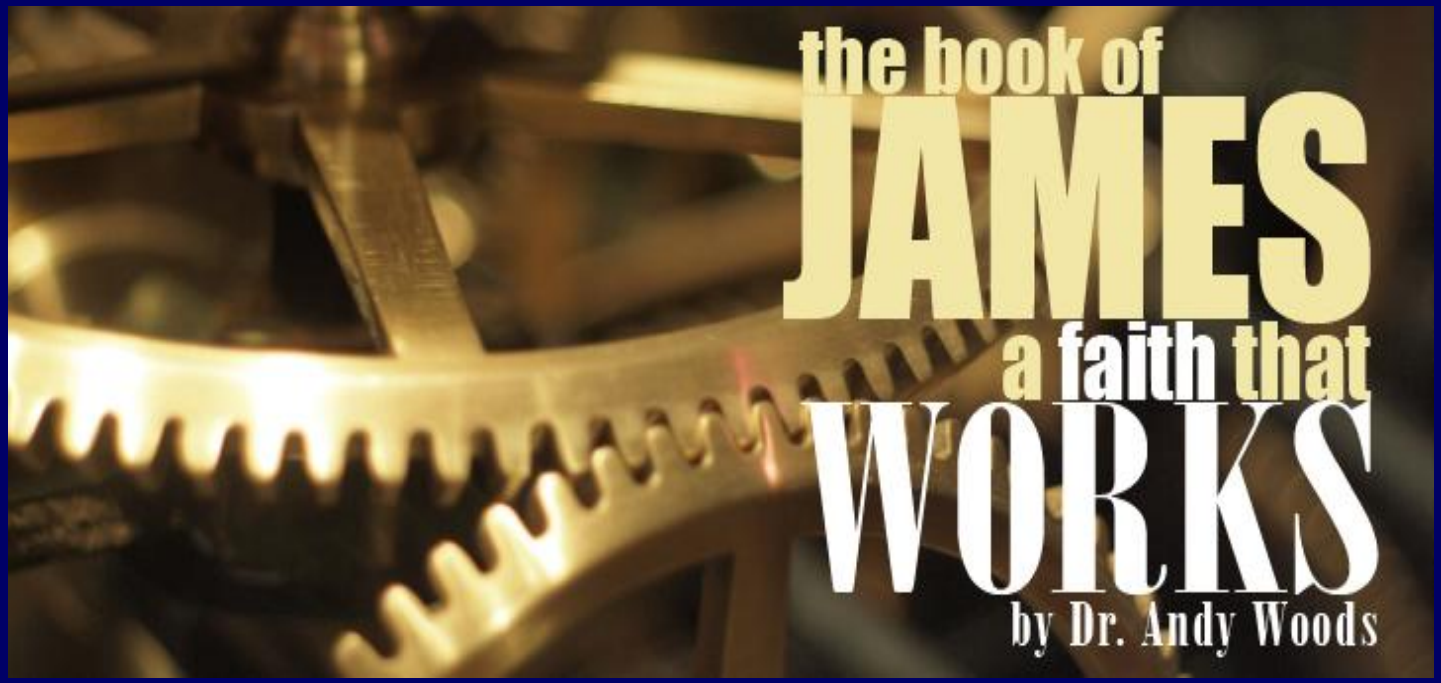
PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS





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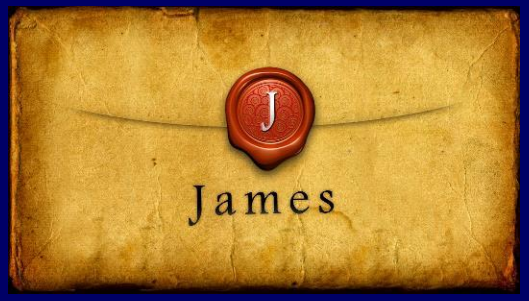
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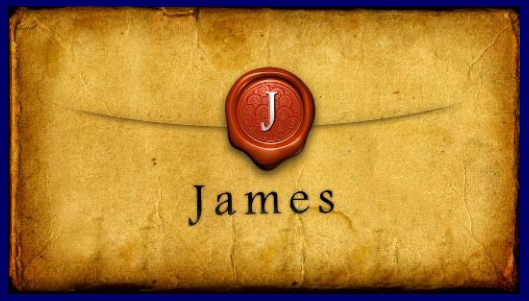
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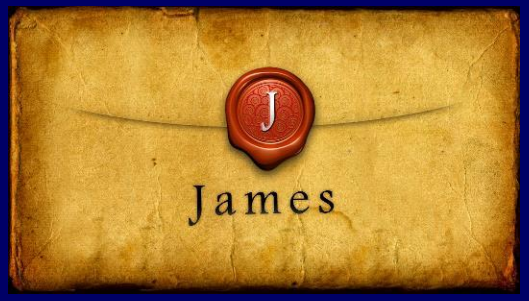
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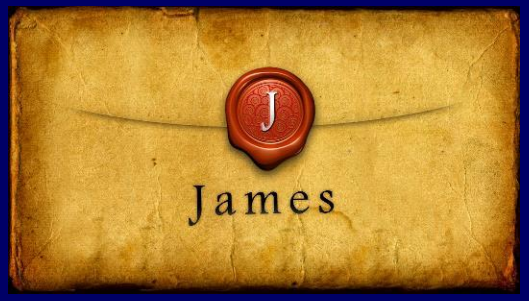
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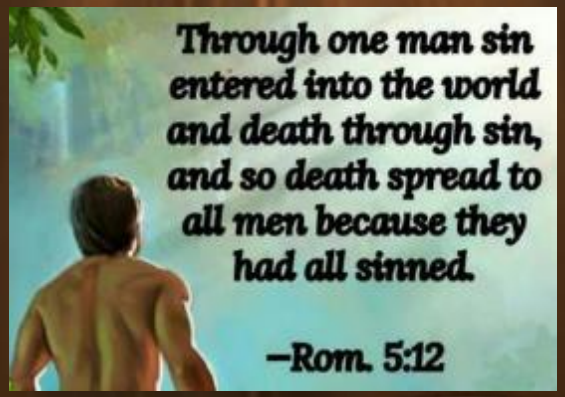
Revelation 21:4

"and He will wipe away every **tear** from their eyes; and there will no longer be any **death**; there will no longer be any **mourning**, or **crying**, or **pain**; the **first things** have passed away."



Genesis 3:19

"By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And **to dust you shall return**."



2 Cor. 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our **outer man is decaying**, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.



Romans 8:19-23

19 “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth . . .



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. . .together until now. [23] And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the **redemption of our body**."



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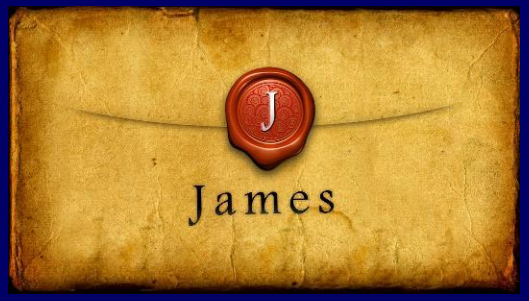
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Revelation 1:6; 5:10

"and He has made us to be **a kingdom, priests** to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen…You have made them to be a **kingdom and priests** to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*]."



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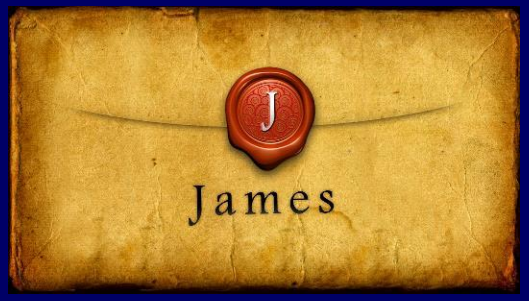
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Audience

- Jewish (1:1)
- Persecution (Acts 8:1-4; 11:19)
- In Babylon-Mesopotamia or North-Central Turkey?
- **Believers (Jas 1:2-4)**



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1. Symbolic view
2. Elijah and Enoch
3. Moses and Elijah like
4. **Moses and Elijah literal**



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CATEGORY	REVELATION 11	MOSES & ELIJAH
Protection	Rev. 11:5	Num. 16:35; 2 Kgs. 1:10-14
Activities	Rev. 11:6	Exod. 7:12-21; 1 Kgs. 17:1
Duration	Rev. 11:3	Luke 4:25; Jas. 5:17
Rapture	Rev. 11:12	2 Kgs. 2:11

Identity of the 2 Witnesses: Moses and Elijah

- Transfiguration (Matt 17:3)
- Ministries cut short in the OT (2 Kgs 2:11-12; Num 20:12)
- Future appearance predicted in the OT (Mal 4:5-6; Jude 9)
- Never fulfilled in the NT (Luke 1:17; John 1:21)



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