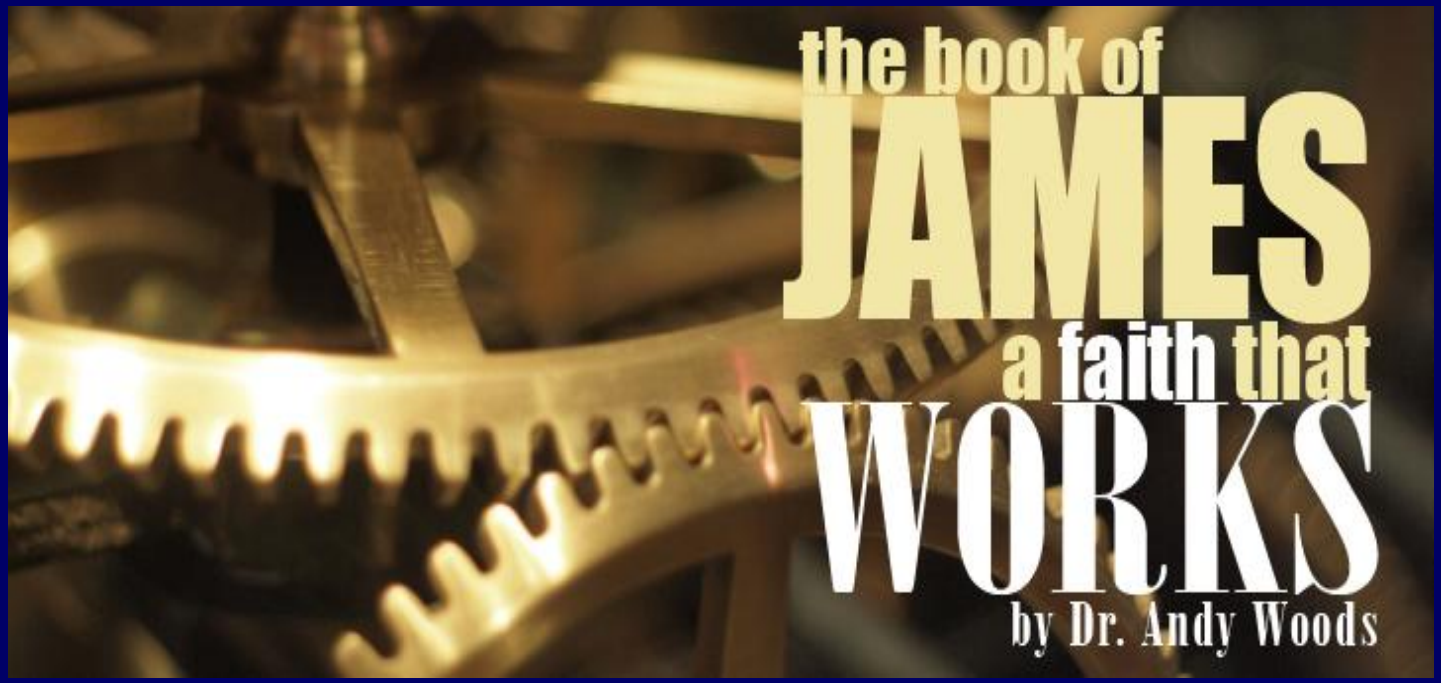
PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS





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Answering Eleven Questions



1) Who wrote it? – **James**
2) What do we know about the author? – **Christ's ½ Brother**
3) Who was the audience? – **Believing Jews in the Diaspora**
4) Where was if written from? – **Jerusalem**
5) When was the book written? – **A.D. 44–47**
6) What was the book's occasion? – **Practical righteousness**
7) What is the book's purpose? – **Achieving practical righteousness**
8) What is the book about? – **Practical righteousness**
9) What is the book's theme? – **Daily living**
10) What makes the book different? – **Practicality**
11) How is the book organized? – **Faith and Wisdom**

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- Trials – Jas 1:2-18
  - Rejoicing during trials – Jas 1:2-12
  - Command not to charge God with temptation – Jas 1:13-18



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(Jas 1:21)

1. Removal (21a)
2. Reception (21b)
3. Result (21c)



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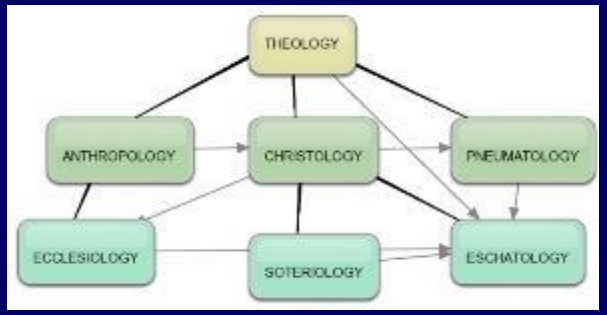
B. **Doers of the Word (22-25)**



Areas of Systematic Theology

- Prolegomena – Introduction
- **Bibliology – Study of the Bible**
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- Ecclesiology – Study of the Church
- Eschatology – Study of the end





Ezra 7:10

"For Ezra had firmly resolved to **study** the Law of the Lord and to **practice** *it*, and to **teach** *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel."



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(Jas 1:26-27)

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Deuteronomy 28:49-50

“49 The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar,
from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down,
a nation whose language you shall not understand, 50 a nation of fierce countenance who will have **no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young**.”



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Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)



- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

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