

## THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 7/10-11/2023 James 1:13-27

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### OPENING PRAYER

**THIS WEEK: (JAMES 1:13-27) – Faith without works is dead! The Book of James** has been called the epistle of applied Christianity. It is known for its hard-hitting truth, given to the reader in clarity and in practicality. Theme: Faith that works! Faith that produces work. If you're saved and you know it, then your life will truly show it

*Jas 1:12 (Review) Blessed is the man who endures temptation* (good trials); for when he has been approved (never to stumble and fall), he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

*Jas 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted* (to do evil), "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

- **God doesn't tempt us with evil!** God by His holy nature has no capacity for evil, or vulnerability to it. Satan tempts us with evil, but God allows him to do it. And it does serve the purpose. But, when I'm tempted, I can't really say, well, God tempted me, God laid out this temptation before me.
- **Temptation. The same Greek word translated "trials"** (*Jas 1:2-12*) is also translated "temptation" here. James's point is that every difficult circumstance that enters a believer's life can either strengthen him if he obeys God, remaining confident in His care, or become a solicitation to evil if the believer chooses instead to doubt God and disobey His Word.
- **Temptation is used in two senses: testing under trial,** which is for our good as we have seen in *verse 12*, and now, tempted, solicitation to evil. In *verses 13-14.* James is going to talk about that temptation, which is temptation to do evil. People often say that the Lord tempted them when it wasn't the Lord at all. God cannot be tempted by evil, and He does not tempt with evil. James deals with something here which is very important for God's children to understand, because we often blame God for a great many things in our lives for which He is not responsible.
- **The natural propensity of mankind is to blame God** (blame shifting) **for his own** faults, failures and filth. From the very beginning, since the time of the fall of man, this has been true. (*Gen 3:12-13*) Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." Adam, in blame-shifting, really passed the buck, putting two people between him and his sin! [*13*] And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate. Eve did the same thing! Actually, all three of them were responsible.
- **Nor does He Himself tempt anyone.** God purposes trials to occur and in them He allows temptation to happen, but He has promised not to allow more than believers can endure and never without a way to escape. (*1Co 10:13*) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. We choose whether to take the escape God provides or to give in to the temptation.

*Jas 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.*

- **No, a man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lusts** (strong desires of the human soul to fulfill the flesh) **and enticed** (to capture or catch with bait). It is my desires that brings me into temptation, the desires of my flesh. I see opportunities for indulging of those. You will never fulfill or satisfy the lusts of the flesh. There's only one thing you can do for your lust and that is to starve it to death! If you feed it, it will only demand more, until it consumes you!
- **When a man is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed**—now Jesus was tempted. To be tempted is not sin. Satan tempted Jesus with the glories of this world. All of these will I give to You, the glory of them, if You will bow down and worship me. Jesus was tempted to use the supernatural powers for His own personal benefit—to turn the stones into bread. You can do that! Satisfy the hunger that You have after this fasting. (*Mat 4:3-11*) Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command

that these stones become bread." [4] But He answered and said, "***It is written***, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" "

- **Then the Devil tempted Him to do something spectacular to draw crowds, to get notoriety and publicity.** Jump off the pinnacle of the temple! When You land, unscathed and unharmed at the bottom, think how You will be awed. They'll worship You! [5] Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, [6] and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For ***it is written***: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU,' and, IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" [7] Jesus said to him, "***It is written*** again, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.'" [8] Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." [10] Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For ***it is written***, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.'" [11] Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.
- **Jesus was tempted. But He didn't yield to the temptation.** It's not a sin to be tempted. (***Heb 4:15***) For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. It's when I yield to the temptation that it becomes sin.

***Jas 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.***

- **James uses an interesting word here: "when desire has conceived."** The word actually means "to become pregnant." Conception is the joining or union of two, the sperm and the egg. The desire of this old nature of ours joins with the outward temptation that faces us and thus becomes sin. The Lord Jesus said, "If you are angry with your brother, you are guilty of murder," because it begins in the heart and moves out into action. He also said, "If you look upon a woman to lust after her, you have already committed adultery with her," because it begins in your heart. That is where sin always begins.
- **Sin is not merely a spontaneous act, but the result of a process.** The Greek words for "has conceived" and "brings forth" liken the process to physical conception and birth.
- **When it is full-grown, brings forth death.** James personifies temptation, showing that it can follow a similar sequence and produce sin with all its deadly results. While sin does not result in spiritual death for the believer, it can lead to physical death. (***1Co 11:30***) For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. (***Rom 6:23***) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **How does temptation become sin?** It becomes sin when it unites with my desire, my will for it. Just as in human conception, having the sperm and the egg coming together, so sin occurs when I allow the uniting of the temptation with my desires inside of me. The temptation comes up against me, tempting me to do this. I need to look at that and handle it like Jesus did, saying wait a second, as ***it is written***, quoting the Word just as Jesus did. So what happens? There is no conception here, only the temptation. It doesn't turn into sin because there isn't any uniting of my will to do it. But if the temptation comes up against my will, meeting the desire within me and I think well this is an interesting possibility. Then I give in, and temptation turns to sin!
- **The battle is always won or lost in the realm of the will.** So how do I stand against this? First, I need to be submitted to the Lord and to His word! Secondly, I need minimize the ungodly desires within me, so they are not prone to have a willingness within me to accept them.
- **Paul said, (*Rom 13:14*) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.** You cannot! We cannot feed the flesh! It must be starved to death! We can't just give into it. It means making hard decisions relating to entertainment and all these different things that we allow to come into our mind!
- **How does sin work death in us?** Sin works for our destruction when it is full grown, bringing forth death. That is the goal of sin in my life! First to destroy the intimacy of my personal relationship with God; then to destroy my relationship with God all together; then to destroy my mind, my heart; to destroy my life; to kill me! That is what sin is working toward in our lives.
- **We must be ruthless with our sin.** The ruthlessness of sin requires ruthlessness with sin! If we were half as ruthless with sin as sin is with us in terms of what it is wanting to do, sin wouldn't get any place at all!

***Jas 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.***

- **Now God doesn't tempt you with evil. Neither does He tempt any man.** We're tempted by our own desires and lust, which when we yield and give into them, brings forth sin, which when it is finished, brings death.
- **Do not be deceived.** The Greek expression refers to **erring, going astray, or wandering.** Christians are not to make the mistake of blaming God rather than themselves for their sin. Don't wander. Don't think that somehow you can get by with sin. The habitual and perpetual sinner definitely does not have a line of communication with God. He has never been born again. If you can live in sin and enjoy it, you are not a child of God—it's just that simple.
- **My beloved brethren.** James is saying, **we must not be led astray** into thinking that God Himself is tempting them to evil! On the contrary, He is the invariable giver of good gifts to His children.

***Jas 1:17 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.***

- **The unchanging God bestows His blessings upon us!** Every good gift and every perfect gift, comes to us from God. If it's good, it's from God. If it's evil, it's from Satan.
- **Every good ... perfect gift is from above.** Two different Greek words for gift emphasize the perfection and inclusiveness of God's graciousness. The first denotes the act of giving, and the second is the object given. Everything related to divine giving is adequate, complete, and beneficial!
- **Father of lights.** An ancient Jewish expression for God as the Creator, with "lights" referring to the sun, moon, and stars (*Gen 1:14-19*).
- **No variation or shadow of turning.** From man's perspective, the celestial bodies have different phases of movement and rotation, change from day to night, and vary in intensity and shadow. But God does not follow that pattern; God doesn't vary. He is changeless. (*Mal 3:6*) *For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. (1Jn 1:5) This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*

***Jas 1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.***

- **Of His own will.** This phrase translates a Greek word that makes the point that regeneration is not just a wish, but an active expression of God's will, which He always has the power to accomplish. This phrase occurs at the beginning of the Greek sentence, which means James intends to emphasize that the sovereign will of God is the source of this new "born again" life.
- **Of His own will He brought us forth** (the divine act of regeneration, or the new birth) **by the word of truth.** John speaks of those who were born (*Joh 1:12-13*) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: [13] who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God! The glorious thing is that we have been begotten of God, born again by the Spirit of God. Peter said, (*1Pe 1:3*) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- **By the word of truth.** You ; Who came and bore your sin: Who died on the cross in your place, and Who rose again in order that you might justified from your sins. We've been begotten of God, born of God, by His own will. Not our will but His will!
- **That we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.** (*2Co 5:17*) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. He is a new creature. The old things have passed away. Everything becomes new! Born again into this new relationship, I'm not any longer looking back to my European heritage. You can't really blame your nature now on the fact that you're Irish or you have the Latin hot temperament. No, that all died! If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation. I've been born again by the Spirit of God! The new nature that I have in Christ Jesus. That we should be *a kind of a firstfruits of His creatures.*
- **Firstfruits.** This was originally an OT expression referring to the first and best harvest crops, which God expected as an offering (*Exo 23:19a*) The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. Giving God that initial crop was an act of faith that He would fulfill His promise of a full harvest to come. In the same way, Christians are the first evidence of God's new creation that is to come and enjoy presently in their new life a foretaste of future glory.

***Hearing and Doing the Word***

**Jas 1:19** So then (know this), **my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;**

- **He started off saying, brothers, and let a brother of low degree.** Now my beloved brethren *let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:* As has been said, God gave you two ears and one mouth. That should tell you something. *Swift to hear! Slow to speak! Slow to wrath!*
- **Be swift to hear, slow to speak.** Believers are to respond positively to Scripture, and eagerly pursue every opportunity to know God's Word and respond to doing it. (*Psa 119:11*) *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. (2Ti 2:15) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* But at the same time, they should be cautious about becoming preachers or teachers too quickly.
- **Slow to wrath, that is, slow to anger.** Don't argue about religion and lose your temper. It is our duty rather to hear God's word, and apply our minds to understand it, than to speak according to our own opinions or the opinions of men, running into the heat and passion of anger.
- **Be "slow to wrath."** Be patient, reflecting our heavenly Father, showing grace, lovingkindness, and tender mercy to those deserving our wrath. We are to overcome evil with good!

**Jas 1:20** for the **wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.**

- **God isn't manifested in your wrath,** in your anger, in your temper. James' very simple point is that human anger does not produce behavior that is pleasing to God. (*Pro 15:18*) *A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays (quiets) contention.*
- **Wrath.** This is from the Greek word that describes a deep, internal resentment and rejection, in this context, of God's Word. (*Jas 4:1-3*) *Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? [2] You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*
- **The anger of man is contrary to the will and work of God.** Anger or wrath is an emotional response rather than a rational one. We don't want to ruin our witness by wrath. If we want others to see His righteousness in our lives and be drawn to Jesus Christ for salvation, we must conquer our anger with God's help. (*Gal 5:22-23*) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

**Jas 1:21** Therefore **lay aside all filthiness and overflow** (abundance) **of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

- **Lay aside, having put off the filthiness of the world,** the vulgar language, the jokes, just the filth of the world. And receive, instead of that, God's *implanted Word* in your heart! (*Col 3:8*) *But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. (1Pe 2:1-2) Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, [2] as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*
- **Paul writing to the Galatians, said, (Gal 6:7-8)** *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. [8] For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.* Now I believe that Paul is referring to what you sow into your mind. Whatever you sow into your mind is that which is going to come out of your life. If you plant in your mind, filthiness, and all, that's what's going to come out. But if you plant the Word of God, he that soweth to the Spirit, of the Spirit, he shall reap.
- **Be encouraged to receive the Word of God,** and giving yourself to the Word. Here we are in this Bible study. This is what God wants, that you be attentive to His Word, the implanted Word, which is able to save our souls. But, it's not just being here, hearing the Word, but it's then going out and doing the Word!
- **Filthiness ... wickedness.** The first term was used of moral vice as well as dirty garments. Sometimes it was even used of ear wax. Here, of sin that would impede the believer's spiritual hearing. Wickedness refers to evil desire or intent.
- **The implanted word.** You are to receive the Word of God, which is the greatest preventive against the sins of the flesh. An old Scottish preacher said, "Sin will keep you from the Bible, or the Bible will keep you from sin." He was certainly accurate in that!
- **Which is able to save your souls.** James is speaking to those who have been saved. You have received the *implanted Word*. It has been planted in your hearts. The Word has already brought salvation to you, but you

have a life to live as a Christian. Salvation is in three tenses: I have been saved; I am saved; I shall be saved. James is speaking here of salvation in the present tense.

**Jas 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

- **For a great many people, this is the most familiar verse in James**— The Command – ***But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*** True “hearing” and true “receiving” must result in “obedience.” If you only hear, you are deceiving yourself. Just hearing is not enough! Application: So many professing Christians today only hear and don’t do!
- **Different from other books!** There is an element about the Word of God which makes it different from any other book. It demands action. *Be doers of the word, and not hearers only!* It requires attention.
- **Be doers of the word!** The fact that James calls professing believers to be “doers,” rather than simply to do, emphasizes that their entire personality should be characterized in that way. They had heard this doctrine; they had believed it; but they had not put it to any practical use.
- **Hearing is in order to doing;** The most attentive and the most frequent hearing of the word of God will not help us unless we be also doers of it. Therefore the apostle insists that we practice what we hear! There must be inward practice by meditation, and outward practice in true obedience. It is not enough just to remember what we hear, but to be able to repeat it, to give testimony to it, commend it, write it, and preserve what we have written, but that which crowns the rest, is that we be doers of the word!
- **Hearing the Word of God will lead to doing** by those who are His children. It will not lead to rote, ritual and habitual action. It will not lead to the drab, the monotonous, or the routine. The intent of the Word is to produce creative action, making for productive performance, exciting living, and a thrilling experience.
- **Deceiving yourselves. How many people have been deceived just because they go to church and hear the Word of God?** Deceived into thinking, well I’m all right. I’m okay. You’re okay. We’ve been to church. We’ve heard the Word of God. Now, we can go out and live as we want for the rest of the week. Then we can come back next Sunday and hear the Word of God again. They are deceived into thinking that because they hear and agree, after consideration to the Word of God, when the Scripture is read, they can say Amen! So be it!
- **But if you don’t practice it, then you’re just deceiving yourself.** You’re living in a false sense of security. Feeling that everything is all right because I’ve heard the Word. But it’s more than hearing the Word, it’s putting it into practice in your life. Here is where practical James comes in, *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

**Jas 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer** (continuing activity), **he is like a man observing** (looking carefully, not casually) **his natural face in a mirror;**

- **The apostle shows what is the proper use of the word of God,** who they are that do not use it as they ought, and who they are, making a right use of it. The use we are to make of God’s word may be learned from its being compared to a mirror, which shows us the spots and defilements upon our faces. Seeing those we may immediately make repairs and wash them off. Similarly, the word of God shows us our sins, that we may repent of them and get them pardoned. It shows us what is amiss, that it may be amended.
- **Let the word of truth be carefully attended to, and it will show you the corruption of your nature,** the disorders of your hearts and lives, telling you plainly what you are. Paul describes himself as insensible of the corruption of his nature until he saw himself in the glass of the law, but then seeing himself as he really was! (**Rom 7:9-11**) *I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. [10] And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. [11] For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.* When the mirror of the law was set before me, I saw my spots and deformities, discovering things of which I was not aware. Thus, when we use His word as a spiritual mirror, we see ourselves, our true state and condition, promptly correcting all that is inappropriate!

**Jas 1:24 for he observes** (looking carefully) **himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.**

- **We have here an account of those who do not use this mirror of the word** as they ought: They recognize the Word of God shows us what we really are. But then you walk away and you forget what you saw! Unless professing Christians act promptly after they hear the Word, they will forget the changes and improvements that their reflection showed them they need to make. You’re walking down the street and you

look in the glass window of the store and you see a reflection of yourself and you suck it in. But you know, before you get a block away, you relax again, you, forgetting so quickly what you saw, what manner of person you really are.

- **Dr. McGee told the story of these hillbillies down in the hills of Kentucky**, living far away from anything that was civilized. They were very backward kind of folk. There were some men who came into the area hunting. After they left they went down to examine the camp. They found that the fellows had left some of the things there at the camp, including a mirror. This one hillbilly looked in the mirror, oh, I didn't know they ever took a picture of my dad! He took the mirror home with him, slipping it into the house, putting it under his pillow. His wife saw him sneaking it under his pillow. So when he went out. She wondered what in the world, he was trying to hide in his pillow. She went in, took the mirror, and looked in. She said, so that's the old bag he's been going out with. It is so easy to read the Word of God, thinking that it is a picture of someone else, when really it is of you, and it is a picture of me.

***Jas 1:25 But he who looks (intently, closely) into the perfect law of liberty (His truth sets us free!) and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.***

- **Blessed in the things that you do for the Lord.** You look closely, intently, not simply into the law of Moses, but into the perfect law of liberty of the Gospel. You then continue in the perfect law of liberty, not forgetting it! You are one who having heard the Gospel law, sticks to it by internalizing its message and using it to transform your life!
- **The perfect law of liberty; I have freedom, glorious freedom in Christ Jesus!** Freedom not to do the things that destroy a person. Freedom to serve the Lord, out of love, with my whole heart, the glorious law of liberty! What I do, not out of a legal relationship, but continue to do out of love, not out of a sense of obligation or duty. Then the promise; *This one will be blessed in what he does!*

***Jas 1:26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.***

- **If anyone among you thinks he is religious.** Now religious and religion are really not the best words of the New Testament. Christianity isn't really a religion, though it is classified by the world as one of the world religion. It's not a religion in the sense that man is trying to reach God. In fact, Christianity is almost an anti-type to religion. If you will study the religions of the world, the religions of the world tell you of the endeavor of man to reach and please God.
- **Man's endeavor to reach God, to touch God.** Here you have finite man standing on the earth base, trying to build a bridge to heaven, reaching out trying to touch God. Finite man trying to touch an infinite God, and such is an impossibility! You can never start with an earth base and reach heaven. You can never start with a finite being, reaching an infinite being! Christianity has an infinite God reaching down to touch a finite man! It's the exact opposite of religion! It isn't your attempt to reach God, but God reaching down to you!
- **Christianity is God's attempt to reach you. God is the One who initiated,** for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son! In religion you have a system of works and activities whereby man can please God. In Christianity we are told that by the works of righteousness, we cannot be justified, but we please God by simply believing His love and His provisions for us! It is a relationship with God!!
- **One day they came to Jesus, asking, what must we do to do the works of God? (Joh 6:29) Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.** That's what Christianity is all about. It's not your works by which you can please God, it's God's work in your behalf. And you're simply believing and trusting in it.
- **And does not bridle (control) his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.** That is a heavy kind of thoughts to ponder. The importance of bridling our tongue. James is going to speak of this more as we move into chapter three, telling us what a problem we have with such a small member of our body. But the trouble that it can get you into. Behold what a huge fire such a little matter can kindle, oh boy! Do you remember the last argument you had with your wife? What did it start over? Nothing! Insignificant!
- **Bridle his tongue, meaning "control," or "keep a tight rein."** Jesus said in *(Mat 12:36) But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak; they will give account of it in the day of judgment.* Purity of heart is often revealed by controlled and proper speech, *(Luk 6:45c) For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

**Jas 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.**

- **Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this:** This is where again, *be doers of the Word, not hearer only.*
- **To visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.** That's what it's all about! Doing the works of God, showing the love of God to those that are in need. Showing love, compassion, and helping orphans and widows is special in that whatever we can give in help to them, it is given with the awareness that they can never repay.
- **And to keep oneself unspotted from the world!** As believers we are in this world but we are not of this world. We should be in contact with the world in a personal way, with tenderness, kindness, and helpfulness. We must not become implicated in the things of the world, being careful to keep ourselves *unspotted from the things of the world.* In those things God is well pleased!

**SUMMARY:**

- **How temptation comes.** - [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.* [16] *Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.*
- **God's goodness stands in contrast to the temptations we face.** - [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.* [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.*
- **Standing firm against unrighteous anger. Hearing and Doing the Word.** - [19] *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; [20] for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*
- **Standing firm against the lusts of the flesh.** - [21] *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*
- **How to receive the word of God.** - [22] *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* [23] *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; [24] for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. [25] But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*
- **Examples of what it means to be a doer of the word of God.** - [26] *If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.* [27] *Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*
- **Be doers of the word and not hearers only! Speak the Word! Speak Jesus!**

**CLOSING SONG:**

**I SPEAK JESUS** *Here be Lions, Dustin Smith Darlene Zschech (4:00/4:04)*

*I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus  
I just want to speak the name of Jesus Till every dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus  
'Cause Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life  
Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire  
I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety  
To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus  
Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life  
Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like the fire  
Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness over every enemy Jesus for my family  
I speak the holy name Jesus (2x)*

*Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within His presence I speak Jesus*

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

- Father, we thank You again for practical applications to truth. Lord, help us now to make those applications, that we might become doers of the Word and not just hearer of the Word. But looking into the mirror and seeing the truths. Help us not to forget what we saw, but may we seek then Lord, to correct the flaws that we might please You and live a life that is pleasing and acceptable unto You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Read and study Chapter Two!**

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