Bible Story: James

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INTRODUCTION

- The book of James is truly the most practical book in the New Testament. I would label it daily Christian living.
- Five chapters that tell us how to live the Christian life every minute of every day.

1 Pure Religion

James 1; 2 Timothy 3:12; Matthew 5:12

- Count it all joy, my brethren, when you fall into manifold trials, knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience.
- Pure religion involves a proper attitude toward prayer. We're to ask in faith, never doubting.
- We're not to be consumed with a passion for earthly wealth.
- Temptation is not a sin because Jesus was tempted. But it becomes a sin when we yield to temptation.
- Pure religion is keeping ourselves unspotted from the world and taking care of the needs of the widows and the orphans.

2 Faith and Works

James 2:24; Galatians 5:6; Philippians 2:12

- When he came to James 2:24, we read, we're not justified by faith only.
- A lot of people today have the same attitude toward James because it teaches the necessity of works in God's sight.
- Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- The person who teaches salvation apart from works teaches a doctrine that contradicts the Bible.

3 The Proper Use of the Tongue

Proverbs 18:21; Psalm 141:3; Matthew 12

- We need to be careful to use our lips to glorify God, to speak the truth, to rebuke error, and not to gossip and slander.
- Death and life are in the power of the tongue.
- We're not to be teachers unless we're prepared to use our speech properly.
- The wisdom from above that is first pure, peaceable, easy to be treated, without partiality, full of good fruits. But the wisdom of this world is earthly, sensual, devilish.

4 Lusts, Friendship With the World, and the Lord's Will

Matthew 26:42; John 6:38; John 17:4

- Wars come from lust that rage within human hearts and minds.

- Don't you know the friendship with the world is enmity with God?
- To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him, it's sin.
- What is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little while, then vanisheth away.
- We're on earth not to do our own will, but to do the Lord's will.

5 Restore the Erring and the Prayer of Faith

James 5:16; Mark 6; 1 Corinthians 12

- He warns rich men who gain their riches by withholding proper hire from their laborers.
- He that converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins.
- There's only one thing that passage could possibly apply to, and that's the miraculous age of the New Testament church.
- The principle, though, of relying upon the Lord and saying the Lord's will be done still exists.
- The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **May we remember pure religion, faith in works, the proper use of our speech, the positive nature of doing right, therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it's sin.**

MY NOTES