

TRAVELER'S ADVISORY
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ON THE NARROW ROAD
JAMES 1:19-27

WE ARE WORKING ARE WAY THROUGH THE FIRST CHAPTER OF JAMES' EPISTLE. SO FAR, HE HAS ENCOURAGED US TO FIND JOY IN TRIALS, BECAUSE THE TESTING OF OUR FAITH PRODUCES PERSEVERENCE. WE LEARNED LAST WEEK THAT SATAN, THE WORLD SYSTEM, PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS ONLY BAIT THE HOOK. IT IS OUR FREE WILL TO BITE THE HOOK AND BUY INTO THE SEDUCING TEMPTATION TO SIN. IT IS LITERALLY OUR OWN SIN NATURE THAT WE MUST PUT TO DEATH, BY CHOICE, IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY PERSEVERE IN THE FAITH. WE LEARNED THAT TEMPTATION STARTS WITH EMOTIONAL DESIRE, WE RATIONALIZE THE DESIRE IN OUR MIND, WE WILLFULLY CONCEIVE A PLAN TO FULLFILL THAT DESIRE, THEN WE ACT IN DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD AND PERFORM THE SIN. BUT HEAR IS THE GOOD NEWS. WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DUNAMIS POWER TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION IN A TRIAL. WE LEARN THE TRUTH, WE KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SETS US FREE.

James 1:12 NIV

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:16-18 NIV¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming

down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

JAMES IS TALKING ABOUT LIVING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN BY THE TRUTH OF HIS WORD

NOW WE PICK IT UP THIS WEEK IN VERSE 19 WHERE JAMES TRANSITIONS TO AN EXPLANATION OF HOW TO LISTEN AND WHAT TO DO

James 1:19-20 NIV

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

TAKE NOTE OF THIS!!

FIRST, LETS LOOK AT THE OBVIOUS: LISTEN CAREFULLY, WATCH WHAT YOU SAY, AND WATCH YOUR TEMPER

NOW LET'S LOOK AT IT IN CONTEXT, LOOKING AT VERSES

¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

JAMES DOES NOT CHERRY PICK THOUGHTS OUT OF THE AIR

BE QUICK TO LISTEN TO GOD'S THOUGHTS

LISTEN/AKOUO/PAY ATTENTION, UNDERSTAND, OBEY

BE SLOW TO SPEAK ABOUT YOUR OWN POINT OF VIEW...THE PARTS OF THE WORD YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...TO KEEP YOU FROM SAYING THINGS LIKE:

1. GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES

Romans 5:8 NIV

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2. MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

1 Timothy 6:10 NIV

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

3. GOD WILL NOT GIVE YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE

1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

BE QUICK TO LISTEN, SLOW TO SPEAK

BE SLOW TO BECOME ANGRY WHEN THE WORD CONVICTS US OR IS IN CONTRAST TO WHAT WE BELIEVE, WHY? BECAUSE WHEN WE GET ANGRY, WE DON'T LISTEN WELL, WE CREATE WALLS OF UNBELIEF AND DOUBT, WE FRACTURE OURSELVES AND DO NOT PRODUCE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT GOD INTENDS TO PRODUCE IN US AND THROUGH US

James 1:21 NIV

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

THEREFORE(FOR THIS REASON)...GET INTO ACTION, STOP BEING PASSIVE WITH SIN

GET RID OF THE MORAL FILTH AND EVIL IN YOUR LIFE
TV, MOVIES, INTERNET, UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

WE ALL BRING BAGGAGE FROM OUR OLD WAY OF LIFE INTO OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE (FILTHY ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS), GOD SANCTIFIES(EXPOSES) US WITH HIS WORD..THE WORD OF TRUTH..WE ARE FACED WITH A DECISION

ONE CANNOT FIND JOY AND SATISFACTION IN THE WORD OF GOD IF IT IS ALWAYS SPEAKING CONVICTION TO ONE'S LIFESTYLE...THE PROBLEM FOR MANY IS THAT THEIR LIFESTYLES AND BELIEFS CANNOT CO EXIST, SO THEY EITHER EMBRACE CONVICTION AND REPENT OR FALL AWAY AND BLAME GOD, CHRISTIANS, AND THE CHURCH

WE GET ACTIVE IN FIGHTING SIN THEN!!! WE ARE MUCH MORE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING THE TRUTH...THE TRUTH THAT SAVES...WE ARE SAVED, BEING SAVED, AND WILL BE SAVED

James 1:22 NIV

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING, YOU ARE ACTUALLY FOOLING YOURSELF IF YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST COME TO CHURCH AND CHECK THE BOX

2 John 1:6 NIV

⁶ And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

YOU LOVE JESUS? OBEY HIS WORD

James 1:23-25 NIV

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

DON'T BE THAT CHRISTIAN THAT FORGETS THAT THEY ARE A CHRISTIAN

INTENTLY/PARAKYPTO/TO BEND OVER

THE PERFECT LAW IS JESUS, HE FULLFILLED THE LAW OF GOD, LIVED A PERFECT LIFE, AND SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR US SO THAT WE COULD LIVE A RESSURECTED LIFE WITH ETERNITY SECURED

BLESSED/MAKARIOS/RECEIVING GOD'S FAVOR, GENUINE HAPPINESS

James 1:26 NIV

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

RELIGION / THRESKEIA / WORSHIP

TIGHT REIGN / CHALINAGOGEO / TO KEEP IN CHECK

DECIEVE / APATAO / CHEAT, TRICK

WORTHLESS / MATAIOS / EMPTY, USELESS

THIS DOESN'T CALL FOR PERFECTION, IT CALLS FOR A DIRECTION OF OUR AFFECTION

James 1:27 NIV

²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

WORSHIP THAT IS PURE AND FAULTLESS IS LOOKING AFTER THE ONE'S WHO HAVE NO ONE ELSE TO LOOK AFTER THEM AND TO KEEP YOURSELF PURE AND UNPOLLUTED

WORLD / KOSMOS / WORLD SYSTEM

AGAIN, THE WORD CALLS US NOT TO PERFECTION, BUT TO GUARD THE DIRECTION OF OUR AFFECTION

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