



Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study
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12:00 Noon



Lesson #119 God is not a Respector of Persons

Scripture: James 1:1 – 16

Emphasis: James 1:9 - 10

“Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.”

Subject: “Happy is the man that find wisdom and gets understanding;”

Background: James was not an Apostle and there is no Scriptural evidence that he became one of the Disciples who followed Jesus or joined the Ministry prior to our Lord’s death. In Matthew 13:55 James along with Joses, Simon and Judas are mentioned as being the Carpenter’s sons, which would make James the half-brother of Jesus. There is no Scriptural evidence that would lead us to believe that James was a believer before the death of Jesus. Scripture does point us to conclude that James was considered the Lord’s brother and that he became one of the Leaders of the new Christian Church in Jerusalem and presided over the Council that made Judgement when the Apostle Paul brought the issue of the need to allow the Gentiles latitude of not submitting themselves to Circumcision and other Jewish Religious Customs. James was very important to the early Church and wrote this Letter to Encourage and Enlighten Jewish Christians who were Scattered because of Persecution.

Introduction: In this 6th Lesson of the Letter to the Christians, we will continue our study in James in Chapter 1. There are Four Major Topics: 1). What to do when go through our Trials and Tribulation. 2). Seeking God and asking for Godly Wisdom. 3). Directions on how to treat the Rich and Poor Equally in Church. 4). Identifying the Source and how to Deal with Temptation.

Lesson Topic #1 James 1:1 – 4

“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

- Trials / Tribulation / Patience

- Fact #1 Not If, But When we Fall

- There is no question that you and I will fall into Hard Times
- We will Experience the Trials, Tribulations and Troubles of Life
- Scripture does not give us the False sense of Security of having us to believe that we can somehow Escape this harsh Reality
- James gives the best Clue to inform us that it is not if, but WHEN
- If you are not in your Season right now, you may be coming out
- If you are not coming out of your Season, you are about go into it
- I am not looking Forward to going into my Season and I am not Praying that it will come sooner rather than later, but when it comes, I will have to Count all Joy when it arrives knowing that nothing Last Always and He will never put more on me that I can Withstand and when it is over, I will know that I Endured it All

- Fact #2 Trying of your Faith

- Scripture informs us that when our Faith is Tried, we gain Strength
- Scripture informs us that when our Faith is Tried, we learn Patience
- Scripture informs us that when our Faith is Tried, we get Grow

- Fact #3 Learning Patience

- Learning Patience is an Art and Skill developed by Experiences
- Experiences will Shape our Overall Character with Patience as one of our Strongest Attributes
- The more Experiences that we have the more we develop our Tolerances and therefore it Enhances our ability to be Patient

Lesson Topic #2 James 1:5 – 8

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

- The Request for Wisdom

- Realities #1 Wisdom Is Available
 - If you lack Wisdom is because you have not Asked for It
 - A Wise Person knows when that they need something to aid them
 - God will give Wisdom and more Wisdom Freely just for Asking
 - “We Receive Not because We Ask Not”
- Realities #2 Asking God in Faith
 - When we Ask anything of God, we ought Ask with Faith
 - We should go before His Throne of Grace and Mercy Boldly
 - We should Pray to Timidly not believe that He hears and answers
 - We should not Waffling and Hesitating on our Request to the Lord
- Realities #3 A Double Minded Man
 - We are to take our Cares unto the Lord and leave them with HIM
 - If you Ask the Lord to Solve your Issue don’t Ask your Neighbor
 - In the past, Israel Asked God for Help, then they Asked Egypt also
 - Some don’t Ask God for Help because they don’t want to Listen

Lesson Topic #3 James 1:9 – 11

“Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: 10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. 11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.”

- God is not a Respector of Persons
 - Truths #1 A Brother of Low Degree
 - God certainly loves the poor, but He also will exalt them later
 - Being Poor does not mean that you are Righteous or Humble
 - Being Poor does not give you the Authority to despise the Rich
 - Truths #2 You Can Be Rich and Humble
 - Wealth does not determine your Spiritual Status, your Attitude does
 - It is God who gives Wealth and therefore He does not despise you for having Wealth, but measures your Attitude and how you use your Resources – God wants us to be Fruitful and Thankful
 - Being Rich does not give you the Authority to despise the Poor
 - Truths #3 Wealth Comes and Goes
 - If you have it today, it can be gone tomorrow
 - While you trying to build Wealth, you can destroy your Health and spend all your Wealth trying to get your Health back, it comes and goes – But we should put all our Hope in nothing Less than Christ

Lesson Topic #4 James 1:12 – 16

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.”

- Dealing with Temptation
 - Perspective #1 Blessed Is The Man
 - Every Man will be Tempted – Jesus was also Tempted
 - With God’s help we can Endure Temptation
 - Those who love the Lord have the Holy Spirit who dwells inside the Believer that will help guide you through the Temptations
 - Perspective #2 Don’t Blame God
 - Knowing the very Nature of God and His Attributes says that God is not Involved in evil or its ways and therefore will not Tempt you
 - God is HOLY and there is no evil in HIM nor can He look at it
 - Holy means Absence of all evil
 - Perspective #3 Man Enticed on His Own
 - Temptation starts with inner you where Lust and is conceived without the help of anyone else
 - You are drawn away and Enticed with your own Lust
 - We know that when Lust Conceives it brings about sin and sin brings with it death
 - The enemy will Tempt you, but please note that you where there first and you are responsible for the acceptance of and the outcome of the Temptation

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Conclusion: We have Help available to Escape Every Temptation

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God’s **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray

Acknowledgements