

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

Outline of the Book:

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A quick reminder of where we are...

- Causes of troubles –
 - Bitter jealousy, selfish ambition (3:14)
 - Wisdom that is earthly, natural, demonic (3:15)
 - Pleasures that wage war (4:1)
 - Envy leading to fights and quarrels (4:2)
 - Asking with wrong motives – hedonism! (4:3)
 - Friendship with the world/hostility with God (4:4)
 - Friend of the world=Enemy of God! (4:4)
- Does God have an response to all this?

God's proactive answer: (4:5)

- The Scripture speaks not in vain to us
- He jealously desires the Spirit to dwell in us
 - *katoikeo* - take up His abode, inhabit, like a temple
 - *aorist tense* - point in time action... should already be
- He gives greater grace (Ro 5:15ff)
- BUT He is opposed to the proud (*huperephanos*)
- YET helps those who are of low degree...
- This is foundational for the next verses...

Classic verses from James...

- This is the most quoted, but rarely in context!
- 7-10 contains 10 aorist imperative verbs
 - Aorist is a point-in-time action...
 - Imperative is a command, adds a sense of urgency
- 1. *hupotasso* put under, subject, submit (military)
 - To God (*theos*) this is the beginning... **A MUST!!!**
- 2. *anthistemi* set against, oppose, “take a stand”
 - *diablos* – the slanderer, false accuser
 - If you do, he flees! *pheugo* escape, run away (fut act)
 - 1Pe 5:8; Eph 6:11; Lu 10:17

How to do it...

By asking God, "Deliver us from the evil one." (Mt 6:13)

By quoting Scripture and praying. (Mt 4:3-10; 17:21)

By ministering in Jesus' name." (Lk 10:17)

By special sessions of prayer. (Lk 22:31,32)

By claiming the name & power of the God of peace. (Ro 16:20)

By forgiving others. (2Co 2:10,11)

By not giving place to the devil. (Eph 4:27)

By putting on the whole armor of God. (Eph 6:10-18)

By repenting & acknowledging truth.(2Ti 2:25,26; Ac 13:10)

By resisting the devil. (Jam 4:7; 1Pet 5:8.9)

By being born again. (1John 5:18)

By not fearing and by being faithful. (Rev 2:10,11) **AND...**

...By doing these things:

3. *eggizo* be at hand, approach
 - If you do, God will also! (fut act)
 - Read His word, worship, pray, seek Him!