

Review Questions for James

Introduction

1. Who was the book of James written to?
2. What were the circumstances that they found themselves under?
3. There are 5 James mentioned in the New Testament. Of these, which 2 are the most likely candidates for authorship?

Chapter One

4. Why do we count it all joy when we fall into various trials?
5. Who is our example of someone who saw joy despite suffering (Heb. 12:1-2)
6. What is the source of our wisdom?
7. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

8. How do we ask for wisdom?
9. What is meant by a double-minded man?
10. Why are we blessed for enduring temptation?
11. What is the source of temptations?
12. What is the chain linking temptations to death?
13. What has God done to help us with our temptations (v.17-18)?
14. What does verse 19 mean in context?
15. How are we to receive the word?
16. Paraphrase the example James uses to illustrate the difference between a hearer and a doer of the word.

17. What is vain religion? What is pure religion?

Chapter Two

18. How were these brethren showing partiality?

19. What did their showing partiality make them?

20. What is the difference between God's view of the poor and man's view?

21. What is the royal law? Why does James call it "royal"?

22. Explain verse 13.

23. How is faith really shown?

24. Why does James speak of the faith of demons?

25. When was Abraham justified (note v.23, Rom. 4, Heb. 11:8-11, Gen 12-15)? Does James contradict Paul's teaching in Romans? Explain.

26. Explain what justification "by works" means and what it doesn't mean.

Chapter Three

27. List 2 illustrations about small things controlling big things.

28. Illustrate how a little fire (the tongue) kindles a great matter.

29. What can man not tame?

30. Is man inconsistent in his use of the tongue? Should that be so?

31. How is man to be wise?

32. Compare and contrast the two kinds of wisdom.

Chapter Four

33. What is the source of wars and fights?
34. Why did they now receive when they asked?
35. How is a friend of the world described? What does it mean to be a friend of the world?
36. How does God react to the proud?
37. Explain verse 9.
38. If we speak evil of a brother, what does that make us?
39. How should we make our plans? Is James condemning preparation for the future?

Chapter 5

40. Who are the rich under consideration in verse 1-6?
41. How had they obtained their riches?
42. What is the impending judgment that is coming upon them?
43. Why does James tell the brethren of the upcoming judgment of the rich?
44. Why does James refer to both the prophets and Job?
45. What doctrines have been espoused from James 5:14-16?
46. Is the sickness in verse 14 spiritual or physical? Explain.
47. What is the result of getting an erring brother to return to the truth?