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Hi All,

Please find below some comments and questions to help you to learn from James' letter:

Looking at James' letter part 2

COMMENT

James is writing to remind Christians that, although they are saved only by grace through faith in the gospel, the reality of their faith will be seen in the way they live their lives.

James' letter is often hard-hitting and certainly covers many areas of life. In fact, as you read, he seems to jump quickly from one issue to another (and sometimes back again!).

This tells us that our Christian faith should affect every area of our lives.

Please read James 1 v 9 – 15.

V 9 – 11 Rich and poor:

- (i) In these verses James (like Jesus), turns what is usually accepted as the norm and turns it upside down. The poor are in a high position and the rich are humiliated. Can you explain James' argument in v 9 and 10?
- (ii) What does James say about the dangers of being rich in v 11?

V 12 More trials:

- (i) What are the trials in your life?
- (ii) How do we get '...the crown of life'?
- (iii) According to this verse, to whom is the crown of life given? (Look carefully). How does this relate to grace?

COMMENT

God allows outward trials in our circumstances to refine our faith and produce perseverance and maturity. Temptations come from a different source.

V 13 – 15 Lead us not into temptation:

- (i) According to these verses, where does temptation come from?
Where does it not come from?
- (ii) Where else does temptation come from not mentioned in these verses?
- (iii) V 14 – 15 describe the route from temptation to sin. Can you see the points on the journey?
- (iv) What is the difference between temptation and sin?

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