

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Genuine Faith

II THE DISTINCTIVES OF GENUINE FAITH - James 1:19 - 5:6

LESSON 9 - Faith Produces Dependence on God - James 4:13-5:6

KEY VERSE

For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.
(James 4:14b)

PONDER²

READ James 4:13-5:6.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. _____

THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE

READ James 4:13-17.

1. Why are we not to boast about what we will do tomorrow (vv. 13, 14)? _____

2. What should we do instead (v. 15)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

a) How do the following Scriptures speak of God's eternal will?

John 3:16 _____

¹ Genuine: authentic, real.

² PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

John 4:34 _____

John 6:38, 40 _____

b) How does God's eternal will work in the believer?

Philippians 2:13 _____

Hebrews 13:20, 21 _____

c) How is the believer to pray? Who should we depend upon?

Matthew 6:9, 10 _____

John 14:13, 14 _____

Romans 8:26, 27 _____

PERSONAL

How do you depend on God to direct your path everyday? _____

THE SINS OF THE RICH

READ James 5:1-6.

- 1. James now exhorts the rich who oppress the poor. Why does he call on them to weep³ and howl⁴ (vv. 1-3a)?

- 2. The rich have heaped up treasure. Whose ears have the cries of the laborers reached (vv. 3b, 4)?

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PERSONAL

How are you comforted knowing that your cries reach the Lord of Sabaoth? _____

- 3. How have the rich lived on the earth (vv. 5, 6)? _____

... he does not resist⁶ you.

PERSONAL

How have you done this to anyone who has less than you? _____

³ weep - Greek klaio sob: wail aloud; weeping as a sign of pain and grief.

⁴ howl - Greek ololyzo shriek: wail; lament aloud, cry, whether for joy or lament.

⁵ Lord of Sabaoth - Hebrew armies: Jehovah, God of Hosts; supreme head and commander of all the heavenly forces; the Lord of all the armies of heaven and earth

⁶ resist - Greek antitassomai to range oneself against: oppose themselves.

How can you stand up for the poor and helpless? _____

LOOK DEEPER

What example did Christ leave for us to follow in times of oppression?

Isaiah 53:7 _____

Matthew 11:28-30 _____

I Peter 2:21-23 _____

WRITE out the KEY VERSE _____

*Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it,
to him it is sin.*

James 4:17

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