

## James 1 - Continue Therein

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### James 1:21-25

21 Wherefore **LAY APART** (*put off*) **ALL FILTHINESS** (*dirtiness, defilement*) **AND SUPERFLUITY** (*abundance, what remains, residue*) **OF NAUGHTINESS** (*wickedness, depravity, evil*), **and RECEIVE WITH MEEKNESS** (*mild disposition, gentle*) **THE ENGRAFTED** (*inborn, implanted*) **WORD, which is ABLE TO SAVE** (*sozo - to save and keep safe*) **YOUR SOULS.**

22 **But BE YE DOERS** (*a maker, producer, performer*) **OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING** (*delude, false reasoning*) **YOUR OWN SELVES.**

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 **For HE BEHOLDETH** (*to perceive, to understand, fix one's eyes, consider attentively*) **HIMSELF, AND GOETH HIS WAY,** and **STRAIGHTWAY FORGETTETH** (*to lose out of mind, neglect*) **WHAT MANNER** (*of what sort or quality*) **OF MAN HE WAS.**

25 **But whoso LOOKETH** (*to stoop to look into, look carefully, inspect curiously*) **INTO THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY,** and **CONTINUETH** (*remain, stay near, persevere, survive*) **THEREIN, HE BEING NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER, BUT A DOER OF THE WORK,** this man shall be blessed in his deed.

- **TO PERSEVERE IN A LIFE-LONG PURSUIT OOF GOD, ("...continueth therein...") THE CHILD OF GOD MUST REALIZE:**
  - **HIS/HER PROPENSITY FOR SIN**

*Romans 7:19–20*

19 *For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*

20 *Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*
  - **THE MERCY AND COMPASSION OF GOD**

*Psalms 103:13–14*

13 *Like as a father pitieth his children, So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*

14 *For he knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.*
  - **THE LIFE-LONG INVESTMENT OF NEVER GIVING UP**

*Philippians 1:6*

*"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."*

## ABRAHAM - *don't judge by individual battles or failures*

### Genesis 15:2-6

2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.  
4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.  
5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.  
6 **And HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD; AND HE COUNTED IT TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

#### **Genesis 16:1-4**

1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.  
2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And **ABRAM HEARKENED TO THE VOICE OF SARAI.**  
3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.  
4 **AND HE WENT IN UNTO HAGAR, AND SHE CONCEIVED:** and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

#### **Genesis 17:15-19**

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.  
16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.  
17 **THEN ABRAHAM FELL UPON HIS FACE, AND LAUGHED, AND SAID IN HIS HEART, SHALL A CHILD BE BORN UNTO HIM THAT IS AN HUNDRED YEARS OLD? AND SHALL SARAH, THAT IS NINETY YEARS OLD, BEAR?**  
18 **AND ABRAHAM SAID UNTO GOD, O THAT ISHMAEL MIGHT LIVE BEFORE THEE!**  
19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

#### **Romans 4:11**

"And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: **THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FATHER OF ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE**, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also."

#### **Romans 4:17-22**

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.  
18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.  
19 **AND BEING NOT WEAK IN FAITH, HE CONSIDERED NOT HIS OWN BODY NOW DEAD, WHEN HE WAS ABOUT AN HUNDRED YEARS OLD, NEITHER YET THE DEADNESS OF SARA'S WOMB:**

20 HE STAGGERED NOT AT THE PROMISE OF GOD THROUGH UNBELIEF; BUT WAS STRONG IN FAITH, GIVING GLORY TO GOD;

21 AND BEING FULLY PERSUADED that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

- **DON'T JUDGE BY INDIVIDUAL BATTLES OR FAILURES**
- **WE SEE THE INDIVIDUAL BATTLES AND FAILURES, BUT GOD SEES THE END OF THE PROCESS OF TESTING AND TRIALS.**
- **THE PROCESS OF TESTING AND TRIALS IS HARD AND CAN APPEAR DISASTROUS, BUT THAT IS THE VERY PURPOSE OF THE TESTING AND TRIALS, TO TEAR DOWN, TO DESTROY, TO REBUILD, TO STRENGTHEN. IT OFTEN MUST GET WORST BEFORE IT GETS BETTER.**

### **MOSES - don't judge by consequences or scars**

#### **Exodus 2:11-15**

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 **AND HE LOOKED THIS WAY AND THAT WAY, AND WHEN HE SAW THAT THERE WAS NO MAN, HE SLEW THE EGYPTIAN, and HID HIM IN THE SAND.**

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

#### **Numbers 20:2-13**

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and **SPEAK YE UNTO THE ROCK BEFORE THEIR EYES; AND IT SHALL GIVE FORTH HIS WATER**, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, **HEAR NOW, YE REBELS; MUST WE FETCH YOU WATER OUT OF THIS ROCK?**

11 And **MOSES LIFTED UP HIS HAND**, and **WITH HIS ROD HE SMOTE THE ROCK TWICE**: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, **BECAUSE YE BELIEVED ME NOT, TO SANCTIFY ME IN THE EYES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THEREFORE YE SHALL NOT BRING THIS CONGREGATION INTO THE LAND** which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

#### **Mark 9:2-4**

2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and **HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM.**

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And **THERE APPEARED UNTO THEM ELIAS WITH MOSES**: and they were talking with Jesus.

### **PETER - *don't judge by recurring failures***

#### **Matthew 26:33-35**

33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

#### **Matthew 26:69-75**

69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But **HE DENIED BEFORE THEM ALL**, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 And **AGAIN HE DENIED WITH AN OATH**, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74 **THEN BEGAN HE TO CURSE AND TO SWEAR, SAYING, I KNOW NOT THE MAN.** And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, **BEFORE THE COCK CROW, THOU SHALT DENY ME THRICE.** And he went out, and wept bitterly.

#### **Mark 16:6-8**

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, **TELL HIS DISCIPLES AND PETER** that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

#### **John 21:15–17**

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **FEED MY LAMBS.**

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **FEED MY SHEEP.**

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? **PETER WAS GRIEVED** because **HE SAID UNTO HIM THE THIRD TIME**, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **FEED MY SHEEP.**

#### **Galatians 2:11-13**

11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, **HE WITHDREW** and **SEPARATED HIMSELF, FEARING THEM** which were of the circumcision.

13 And the **OTHER JEWS DISSEMBLED LIKEWISE WITH HIM**; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

### **DAVID - don't judge by the stigma of certain sins**

#### **2 Samuel 11:6-17**

6 And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?

11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

## **2 Samuel 12:9-14**

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

## **Acts 13:22–23**

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, **A MAN AFTER MINE OWN HEART, WHICH SHALL FULFIL ALL MY WILL.**

23 **OF THIS MAN'S SEED HATH GOD ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE RAISED UNTO ISRAEL A SAVIOUR, JESUS.**

## **Psalms 103:8-17**

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;