

# OVERVIEW OF THE EPISTLES

## JAMES

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- **9. How had the Christians to whom James is writing become “judges with evil thoughts?” How might we do the same in our assemblies today, and how can we guard against this? (2:1-4)**
- **10. Compare how the brethren were treating the rich and how the rich were treating them. What does this reveal about their priorities? (2:5-7)**

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- **11. What point is James making in 2:9-11? Is showing partiality just a “minor or inconsequential sin?”**
- **12. What is necessary for us to do if we are to obtain God’s mercy? (2:13; cf. Matt. 18:21-35)**
- **13. What are the characteristics of a worthless, dead faith based on James’ examples in 2:14-20? How is our faith shown?**

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- **14. What does it mean that Abraham's faith was "made perfect" by works? (2:21-23) Could his faith have been "perfect" without works?**
- **15. What does "justified by works" mean, and what does it not mean? (2:21, 24, 25)**

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- **16. How do we balance the admonitions to teach that we find in Scripture (2 Tim. 2:2; Heb. 5:12, etc.) with James' warning in 3:1?**
- **17. Explain James' illustrations in 3:2-5.**

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- **19. Explain the illustrations of the spring and the fig tree. (3:9-12)**
- **20. Contrast the two different kinds of wisdom in 3:13-18.**
- **21. What was the source of strife among these brethren? (3:14-18)**