OVERVIEW OF THE EPISTLES

JAMES

James and the Sermon on the Mount

<u>James</u>

- "Judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy" (2:13)
- "Do not swear, either by heaven or by earth" (5:12)
- "You have murdered the just; he does not resist you." (5:6)
- "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (1:22)

Sermon on the Mount (Matthew)

- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." (5:7)
- "Do not swear at all: neither by heaven. . . nor by the earth" (5:34)
- "Do not resist an evil person. . . whoever slaps . . . right cheek." (5:39)
- "Whoever hears these sayings of mine and does them" (7:24)

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- "Have you not become judges with evil thoughts" (2:4)
- "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (3:18)
- "Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (2:18)

Sermon on the Mount (Matthew)

- "Judge not, that you be not judged."
 (7:1)
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (5:9)
- "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works." (5:16)

James

 22. What does James mean by "friendship with the world," and what are the consequences of it? (4:1-5)

• 23. What is the cure for pride and worldliness according to 4:7-10?

• 24. Describe the problem(s) that James discusses in 4:13-17.

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 25. What is going to happen to all the wealth and goods that these rich oppressors had accumulated? For what had they prepared themselves by defrauding their laborers and heaping up treasures? (5:1-6)

 26. What examples does James cite to encourage his readers to endure and to be patient and longsuffering? (5:7-10)

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27. What kind of sickness is being discussed in 5:14-15, and why should we call for the elders to help with this?

- 28. How powerful is prayer, and what example does James use as an illustration? (5:16-18)
- 29. What responsibility do we have to our brethren, and how serious are the consequences involved? (5:19-20)