
QT Questions — for James

Jam 1 (3/10)

1. In 1:2-4, when we are facing our life's difficult trials, when it is normal to feel anxious and perhaps even angry—how can we possibly consider it not just joy but pure joy; what should be the motivation that rules our hearts; will you offer a prayer for such a heart in you?
2. In 1:12-15, will you explain how temptation works in our hearts, ultimately leading to death; how can we persevere under such difficult trials when we know how small our faith and our strength is; how is Jesus pertinent in your life under such situations?
3. In 1:16-18, we live in a world where we are constantly reminded that there's no free lunch, we really have to earn whatever we want—what does God's word say about the good things we have; in what way did God gift us our new birth?
4. In 19-27, what must we do quickly and slowly, why should this be; a worthy religion should have a restraint and a service, what are they; how can you be obedient to God's teaching, starting with your family and the people you meet?

Jam 2 (3/11)

1. In 2:1-11, what makes favoritism wrong in God's sight; will you examine and see if you also committed favoritism, why you did what you did; have you repented and how has He been changing you?
 - May I say, we all play favoritism. The question is, how much do we do so. But, a more important question is, how much of our favoritism have we learn to submit before our God, so that we will not treat other people according to our weakness, but learning to treat other people as our God would like for us to treat them, that is, as He has treated us.
2. In 2:12-13, how does mercy triumph over judgment; how has God shown this truth in your life; how are you living this truth in your life?
3. In 2:14-26, we are taught about faith and deeds—what is the teaching; what examples are we given; where in your life can you obey God's truth taught in our passage?
4. In 2:19, the devil is inserted in this passage—what does he know but will not do; are there areas in our lives that we actually resemble him more than our God; will you spend some time repenting of your foolish ways?

Jam 3 (3/12)

1. In 3:1-2, who is perfect; what is the danger of the teachers; how can we make it right when we have stumbled; how is this applicable to you?
2. In 3:3-6, we are given three images—what are they and what does God want us to learn from them?
3. In 3:7-12, what are the dangers that God want us to learn about our tongue; how does our God want His people to learn to use our tongue; will you humbly examine how you speak, especially with the people you are most comfortable with, and pray that your tongue will be used as our God desires for His people to do?

4. In 3:13-18, what does Christian wisdom look like in action; what does earthly wisdom look like; why the difference in the two; how can you learn to live more in God's wisdom and not follow the world's?

Jam 4 (3/14)

1. In 4:1—3, what causes fight among us; what is wrong wanting what we want; do you remember the last time you fought because you wanted what you wanted?
2. In 4:4-6, what does God call adultery here; what does it mean to be a friend of the world here; have you made friendship with the world in such a way that you have become an enemy of God?
 - Please pray that your friendship with God will be so much more dear to you, that you will never act like His enemy.
3. In 4:7-12, submission, humility and judging—how should they be used; in what ways have you seen them misused in your life; what will help you to live right before our God?
4. In 4:13-17, why are we told to not boast about tomorrow; what are we told to do when we know what's good; how can we live more obediently before our God?

Jam 5 (3/15)

1. In 5:1-6, God is the giver of all good things, including riches—so why is God rebuking the rich people here; the good things God has gifted us, how does He want us to use them; how have you learned to use the good things from God in you life?
2. In 5:7-11, God knows how difficult it is for us to be patient, especially when we are suffering, yet He is teaching us to be patient even when we undergo suffering—what is the hope of our patient suffering; what examples are we presented to hold on to as we patiently suffer; can you think of other examples of patient suffering that will bless and help your life?
3. In 5:13-18, under different situations, God has appropriate responses for us to have—what are they; what are the powers of the prayer of faith we see here; why does God remind us that Elijah was just like us; how can we learn to obey our God and pray in faith more?
4. In 5:19-20, when we (and any of God's people) should wander from the truth, what should happen; when we see other people wandering from the truth, what should we do; what does this look like in our lives?