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# THE EPISTLE FROM JAMES: A STUDY IN CHRIST, FAITH AND OTHER DOCTRINES PART 5



#### **James 4:10**

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

#### **Romans 14:4**

Who art thou that **judgest** another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

#### **Romans 14:23b**

...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

#### James 4:11-12

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?



We set up our own standards, or our own interpretations, and then we judge others for not complying with them, when in fact they may be acting only as the law of Christianity, properly understood, would allow them to do. They who set up a claim to a right to judge the conduct of others, should be certain that they understand the nature of religion themselves. It may be presumed, unless there is evidence to the contrary, that others are as conscientious as we are; and it may commonly be supposed that they who differ from us have some reason for what they do, and may be desirous of glorifying their Lord and Master, and that they may possibly be right.

It is commonly not safe to judge hastily of a man who has turned his attention to a particular subject, or to suppose that he has no reasons to allege for his opinions or conduct. It is implied here that it is the simple duty of every Christian to obey the law. He is not to assume the office of a judge about its propriety or fitness; but he is to do what he supposes the law to require of him, and is to allow others to do the same. Our business in religion is not to make laws, or to declare what they should have been, or to amend those that are made; it is simply to obey those which are appointed, and to allow others to do the same, as they understand them. It would be well for all individual Christians, and Christian denominations, to learn this, and to imbibe the spirit of charity to which it would prompt.

#### **Proverbs 27:5**

Open rebuke is better than secret love.

#### John 7:24

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:15

But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

---See also---

Prov 31:9, Mt 7:1-5, Mt 18:15-17, 1 Cor 5:12-6:8

#### **Matthew 18:14**

Even so it is **not** the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should **perish**.

# Words to remember when judging others



James 5:19-20

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.



# James 3:2-13 [2-4]

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

# James 3:2-13 [5-7]

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

# James 3:2-13 [8-11]

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?



# James 3:2-13 [12-13]

Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.



#### James 4:13-16

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.



#### **James 5:12**

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.



Many sins such as lust fade with age. Our ability to act out physically diminishes over the years.

But the heart does not become cleansed with age alone. And if the heart is not cleansed, sin will abound. And rest assured that sin will find its expression.

Why do you think some people seem to get more and more bitter with age? And is it not the tongue that continues to deteriorate? When the mental faculties previously used to put up an 'acceptable' muzzle fade, the true colors begin to show. It is so with all sin. Some will be revealed now, before men, and other later.

# Psalm 51:6-13 [6-9]

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.



# Psalm 51:6-13 [10-13]

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

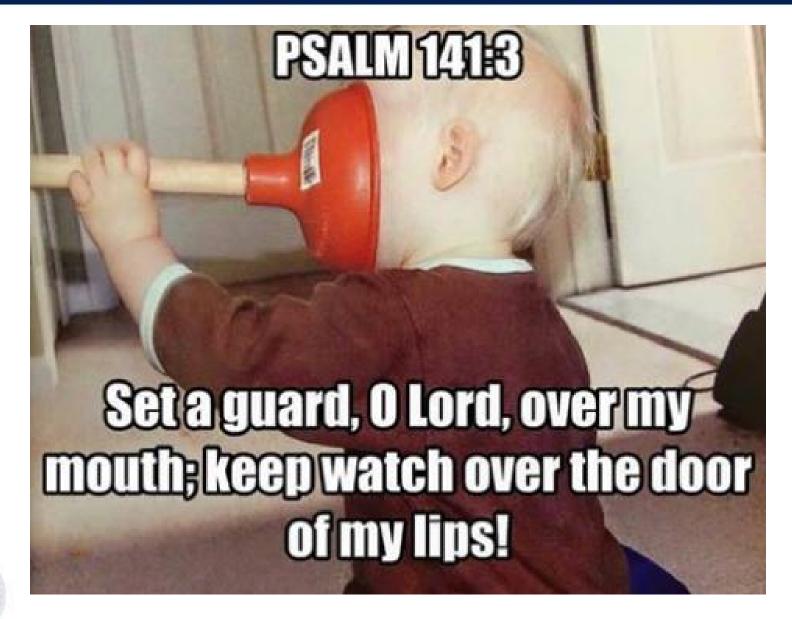


#### **Proverbs 16:23–24**

The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

# **Ephesians 4:29**

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.





#### James 5:1-6

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

#### James 5:7-9

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

#### James 5:10-11

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.



**James 5:13a** 

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.



#### Psalm 34:18-19

The LORD is **nigh** unto them that are of a **broken heart**; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. **Many are the afflictions** of the righteous: but the LORD **delivereth him out of them all**.

#### **Psalm 34:22**

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.



#### Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

#### Philippians 4:6–7

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**James 5:13b** 

Is any merry? let him sing psalms.



#### 1 Chronicles 15:3

And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

#### 1 Chronicles 15:27-28

And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

#### Revelation 5:8–10

And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

**James 5:13** 

Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

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#### Proverbs 15:13

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

#### **Proverbs 17:22**

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

#### Proverbs 18:14

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?



#### Luke 10:17-20

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

#### Psalm 40:1-3

I waited **patiently** for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. **He brought me** up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet **upon a rock**, and established my goings. And he hath put **a new song in my mouth**, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

#### Acts 16:25

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

#### **Ecclesiastes 7:14**

In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.



**Ephesians 5:18–20** 

And be **not drunk with wine**, wherein is **excess**; but be **filled with the Spirit**; Speaking to yourselves in **psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord**; **Giving thanks always for all things** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;



# James 5:14-18 [14-15]

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.



James 5:14-18 [16]

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



James 5:14-18 [17-18]

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.



### Philippians 4:8–9

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

ENJOY THE REST OF THE SABBATH



