

James Part 3 - Achieving the Righteousness of God

James 1:16-27 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

1 Corinthians 10:32 Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;

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James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

John 3:19-21 19 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their DEEDS were evil. **20** For everyone who DOES evil hates the Light, and DOES not come to the Light for fear that his DEEDS will be exposed. **21** But he who **PRACTICES** the truth comes to the Light, so that his DEEDS may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

Wrought - comes from ergon- *érgon ("work") is a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an inner desire (intension, purpose).*

James 1:18 In the exercise of His will He brought **US** forth by the word of truth, so that **WE** would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

Matthew 11:27 All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Romans 9:14-24 14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! **15** For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. **17** For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate MY power in you, and that MY name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." **18** So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. **19** You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" **20** On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? **21** Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? **22** What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? **23** And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 **26** For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; **27** but **God HAS CHOSEN** the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and **God HAS CHOSEN** the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, **28** and the base things of the world and the despised **God HAS CHOSEN**, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, **29** so that no man may boast before God. **30** But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, **31** so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

James 1:19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;

20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 4:26-27 **26** BE angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, **27** and do not give the devil an opportunity.

James 1:21 **Therefore**, (V:20) putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who **delude themselves**.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; **24** for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

25 BUT one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and **abides by it**, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

26 If anyone THINKS himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives HIS OWN heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Proverbs 21:2-3 **2** Every man's way is right IN HIS OWN eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts. **3** To DO righteousness and justice Is desired by the Lord more than sacrifice.

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion **in the sight of our God** and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.