

GOOD MORNING!

Matthew 9

Rightly Dividing and Tough Passages:

James 2; Rom. 10 and Mat. 6

Pt. 3

GOD'S OVERALL PLAN REVEALED IN THE BIBLE TO RESTORE HIS GLORY THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE

God's Purpose	To Re-Establish His Glory on Earth	Re-Establish His Glory in the Heavens
God's Program	Prophetic Program--Spoken about since the world began (Lk. 1:70; Acts 3:21)	Mystery Program--Kept secret since the world began (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3)
God's People	Nation of Israel	Body of Christ
Revealed in:	Non-Pauline Scriptures--OT, Gospels, Acts, Heb.-Rev.	Pauline Scriptures--Romans - Philemon
Manifests:	The Righteousness of God in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies. Salvation = National Physical Deliverance from National Enemies	The Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies Because He Has No Friends. Salvation = Personal Spiritual Deliverance from Sin and Death unto Eternal Life.
Blessings are:	Based on Friendship—Justified by Faith plus works. Covenants	Based on Enemy Status—Justified by Grace through Faith WITHOUT WORKS. Riches of Grace
Forgiveness of Sins:	Israel's National Forgiveness of Sins, which calls for repentance and confession.	Personal Forgiveness of sins based solely on faith and grace.

JAMES 2

- 1. The key verse in James is 1:26 along with 2:20 and 4:4-5. James is countering the false teaching of apostate Israel's vain religious system (VRS—Is. 1:12-13) that will be especially intense during the Tribulation Period.**
- 2. Two groups of people:**
 - a. The synagogue—mix of believing and unbelieving Jews. (Jam. 2:2)**
 - b. Assembly/church—believing Jews (Jam. 5:14)**
- 3. One of the key characteristics of Israel's Vain Religious System was a wicked tongue.**
 - a. Is. 3:8-9; 5:18-24**
 - b. Prov. 17:4, 20**
 - c. Ps. 109**

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- 4. This is what Jesus warned about:**
 - a. Mat. 7:15-23—You shall know them from their fruits (Jam. 2)**
 - b. Mat. 12:22-37**
- 5. The godly and vain tongue:**
 - a. The godly tongue is used to steer people the right way to prevent wavering and stumbling. (3:1-5)**
 - The VRS uses the tongue for the purposes of iniquity, hell and Satan, destroying everything in its path. (3:6-8)**
 - b. The godly tongue praises God and blesses His people.**
 - The VRS's tongue claims to praise God while cursing His people--IMPOSSIBLE. (Jam. 3:9-12)**
 - c. The godly tongue is controlled by wisdom that speaks humility grace and peace. (Jam. 3:13-18)**

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6. The meaning of trials: (1:2-12)

- a. **VRS—they indicate God’s displeasure with you—you should panic and return to them.**
- b. **James—they produce patience which leads to completeness. The only thing you need to return to is God through the prayer of faith.**
 - They must not compromise with the VRS resulting in wavering.**
 - Instead endure temptation (to the end—Mat. 10:22; 24:13) and receive the crown of life.**