

**GOOD MORNING!**

# **Matthew 9**

**Rightly Dividing and Tough Passages:**

**James 2; Rom. 10 and Mat. 6**

**Pt. 2**

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

<b>God's Purpose</b>	To Re-Establish His Glory on Earth	Re-Establish His Glory in the Heavens
<b>God's Program</b>	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)
<b>God's People</b>	Nation of Israel	Body of Christ
<b>Revealed in:</b>	Non-Pauline Scriptures--OT, Gospels, Acts, Heb.-Rev.	Pauline Scriptures--Romans - Philemon
<b>Manifests:</b>	<b>The Righteousness of God in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies.</b> <b>Salvation = National Physical Deliverance from National Enemies</b>	<b>The Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies Because He Has No Friends.</b> <b>Salvation = Personal Spiritual Deliverance from Sin and Death unto Eternal Life.</b>
<b>Blessings are:</b>	Based on Friendship—Justified by Faith plus works. <b>Covenants</b>	Based on Enemy Status—Justified by Grace through Faith WITHOUT WORKS. <b>Riches of Grace</b>
<b>Forgiveness of Sins:</b>	Israel's National Forgiveness of Sins, which calls for repentance and confession.	Personal Forgiveness of sins based solely on faith and grace.

# **JAMES 1**

- 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)**
  
- 9. One of the key characteristics of Israel's Vain Religious System was a wicked tongue/teaching.**
  - a. Is. 3:8-9; 5:18-24**
  - b. Prov. 17:4, 20**
  - c. Ps. 109**

# JAMES 1

## 4. 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 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 serve 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)

## **5. The meaning of external trials: (1:2-12)**

- a. VRS—they indicate God’s displeasure with you—you should panic, despair and return to the VRS.**
- b. James—they produce patience that perfectly equips them to endure to the end when Christ returns for them and ushers them into the Kingdom (Mat. 10:16-22; 24:9-14; Rev. 2:10). They must not return to the VRS but to God in the prayer of faith (Mat. 5:1-12; 1 Pet. 1:7).**
  - 1. They must not compromise with the VRS resulting in wavering.**
  - 2. Being rich is not a sign of God’s blessing. Enduring temptation out of love for God (the true believing remnant 1 Jn. 4:8) will result in blessing: Receiving a victorious crown of life in the Kingdom.**
  - 3. Operating on the basis of the divine Faith (1:6-8), Hope (1:9-11) and Love (1:12) life leads to wisdom now and life in the Kingdom.**

## **6. The source of internal temptations to sin under trials: (1:13-20)**

**a. VRS—You are tempted of God, therefore, your recourse to evil is justified.**

**b. James—This is Satan's (the father of darkness—Acts 26:18) policy of evil against them (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:6-11) and only GIVES BIRTH to sin and physical death (1 Jn. 5:16).**

**Instead, they should go to God, the Father of Lights—who already GAVE BIRTH to them by His Word and every perfect and good thing—i.e., go back the 1:4.**

**1. They must not be deceived (by the VRS) by showing anger and wrath against others (to get what you want)—it will only lead to sin and death (physical).**

**2. They were to leave vengeance to the Lord when He returns to manifest the Righteousness of God in delivering His friends unto life in the Kingdom by destroying His enemies in accord with Israel's Prophetic Program.**

- 7. The privilege of having the Law, God's Word to Israel: (1:21-27)**
- a. VRS—Privilege of the Law comes by merely having, hearing, teaching it, not doing it. (See Rom. 2:13-23)**
  - b. James—the privilege of the Law comes by doing it under the power and provisions of Kingdom and New Covenant blessings:**
    - 1. Receiving the engrafted Word meekly is the way to be saved (souls--physical life) from these trials.**
    - 2. Because then you will be doers of the Word not just hearers.**
    - 3. And this will show that the Law is the Law that gives Liberty.**
      - Freed from being deceived (v. 22), by the VRS's destructive teachings (v. 26)**
      - Freed to serve God, operating on the friendship principle: Meeting the needs of God's friends and not becoming friends of the evil world system (v. 27; 4:4).**