

**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>	<p><b>The Righteousness of God in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies.</b></p> <p><b>Salvation = National Physical Deliverance from National Enemies</b></p>	<p><b>The Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies Because He Has No Friends.</b></p> <p><b>Salvation = Personal Spiritual Deliverance from Sin and Death unto Eternal Life.</b></p>
<b>Blessings are:</b>	Based on Friendship—Justified by Faith plus works. <b>Covenants</b>	Based on Enemy Status—Justified by Grace through Faith <b>WITHOUT WORKS.</b> <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)**
- 3. 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**

- 4. The privilege of having a foretaste of New Covenant and Kingdom blessings: (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).**

# **JAMES 2**

## **12. Judging of people according to their riches: (2:1-12)**

- a. VRS—Rich people are blessed of God and the poor are not. Therefore, rich and unafflicted should be given special treatment.**
- b. James—the poor and afflicted are not that way because they are disobeying God but because they are obeying His Word. These are the ones God has chosen to inherit the kingdom so prefer them, not the rich.**

**--They were to operate on the friendship principle with the friends of God, which made them their friends as well, by meeting the needs of those less fortunate rather than keeping them for themselves in accord with the world.**

**--Not doing so would result in judgment (NOT unto eternal damnation but unto endurance through Tribulation and how they would participate in Israel's National salvation in the Kingdom.**