

Study Guide for *Commentary on James*, by A.R. Faussett

Extra Reading for the course: "The Epistle of James"

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Review Questions

Introduction

1. What definition does the author give for the Greek term "homologoumena"?
2. The Epistle of James was admitted as canonical both by the East and West churches soon after which council?
3. Which reformer called James "an Epistle of straw, and destitute of an evangelic character"?
4. Which teaching of Jesus does the author link closely to the Epistle of James, calling it the "highest realization of the law"?
5. What does the author give as the "spiritual principle of the law"?

Chapter One

1. How does the author define James' use of the word "perfect" in chapter 1 verse 14?
2. The phrase "double-minded" in James 1:8 could literally be translated how?
3. Complete the quote: "God does not send trials on you in order to make you _____, but to make you _____."
4. What natural phenomenon does the author use to illustrate the phrase "shadow of turning"?
5. What Old Testament passage is given in cross reference to James' discussion of "bridling the tongue" in chapter 1 verse 26?

Chapter Two

1. What distinguishes James' use of the term "assembly" (synagogue) from its other uses in the New Testament?
2. The author gives the phrase "the sum and essence of the Ten Commandments" for what title in chapter 2?
3. What distinction concerning faith does the author make in chapter 2 verse 14?

4. What phrase does the author use as a definition for "tempt" in chapter 2 verse 18?
5. Complete the quote: "Faith is a _____ thing; works are _____."

Chapter Three

1. How did the Alexandrians distinguish between "image" and "likeness"?
2. What Old Testament passage (book and chapter) is alluded to in the author's discussion of James 3:11?
3. How does the author describe the term "sensual" in his discussion of James 3:15?
4. How does the author describe James' use of the word "peacemaker"?

Chapter Four

1. What two passages does the author give in cross reference to James 4:3? How do they illuminate this passage?
2. Which Old Testament character is given as someone who was proud and resisted God?
3. How does the author describe the Christian's "affliction" in James 4:9?

Chapter Five

1. Which two "miseries" does the author see as viable interpretations for James 5:1?
2. True or False? According to Faussett, James thought Job was an imaginary person. Why/why not?
3. How does the author explain the term "anointing him with oil" from James 5:14?