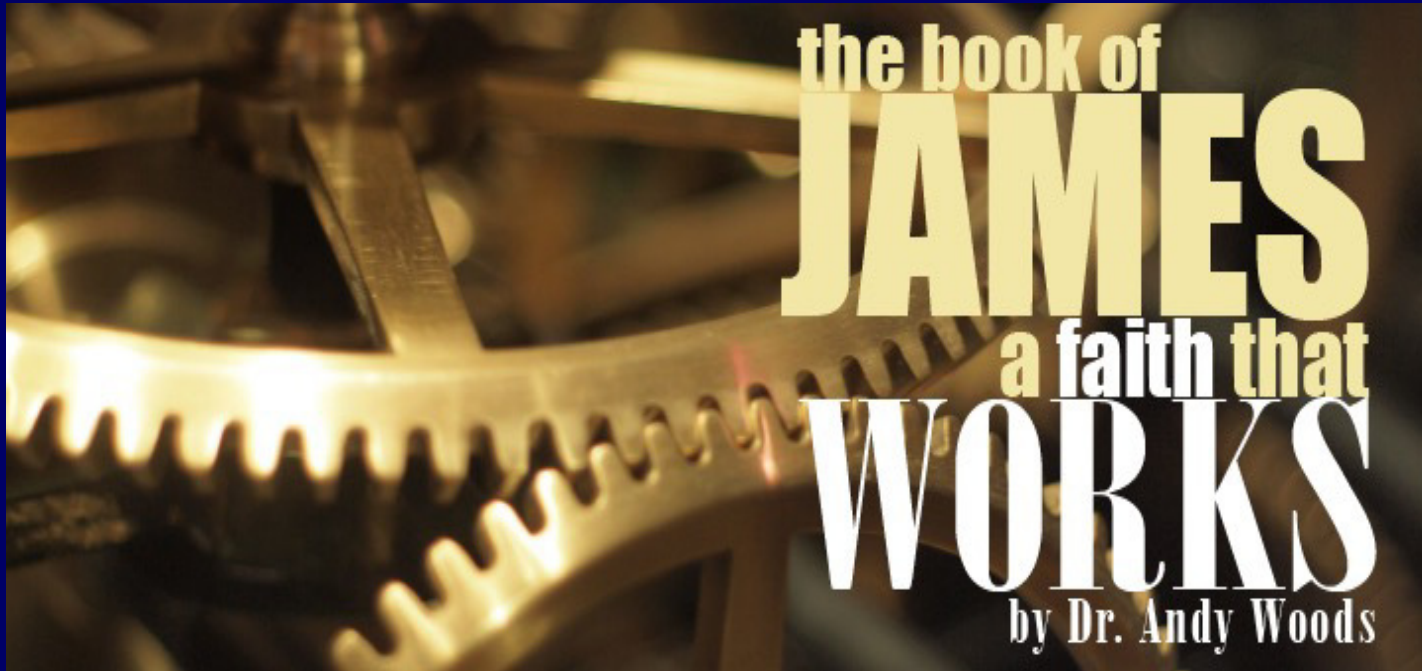


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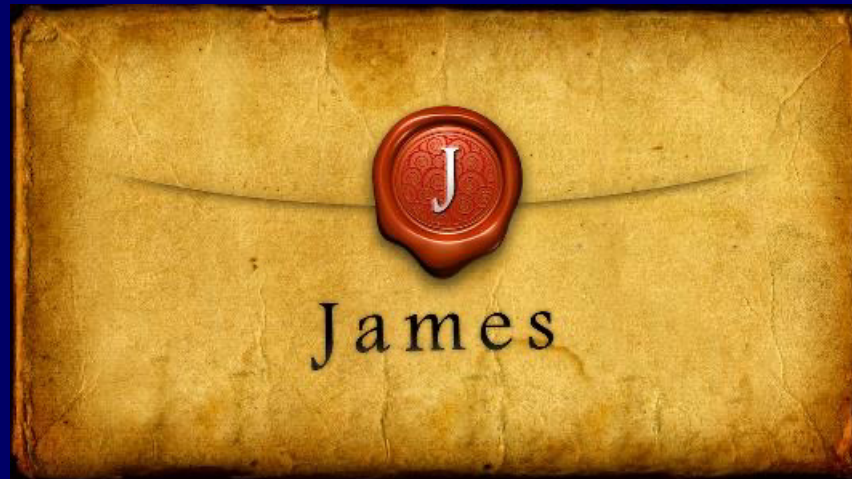
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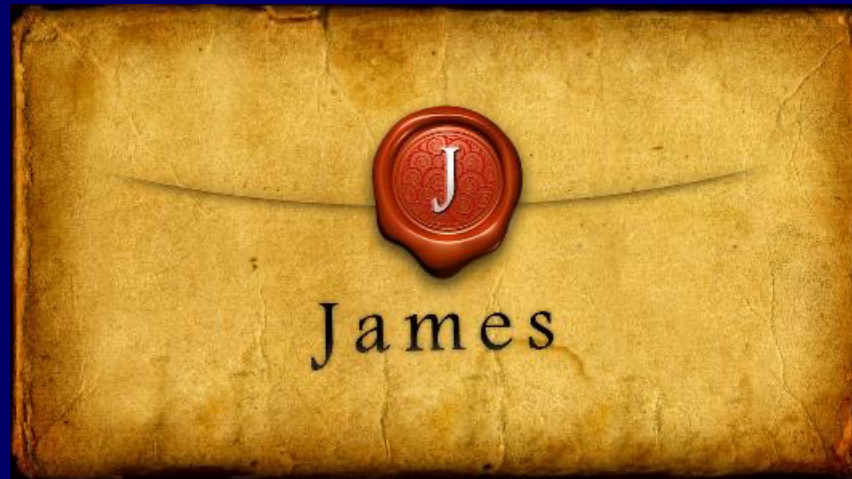
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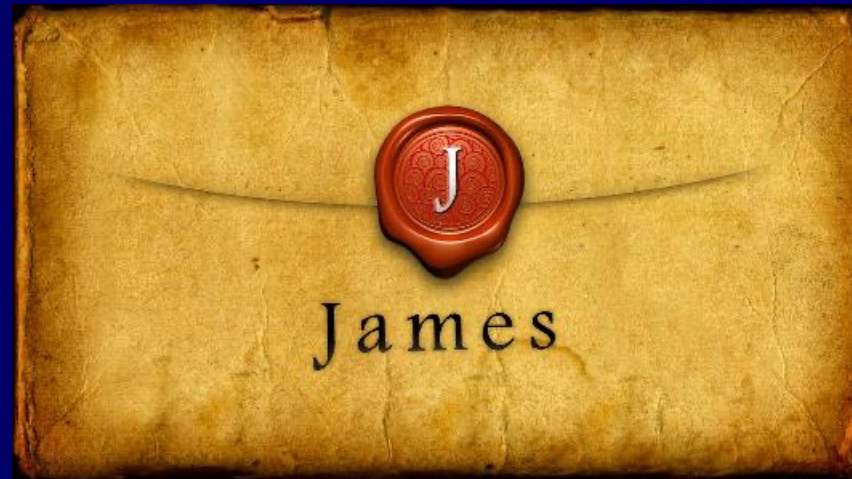
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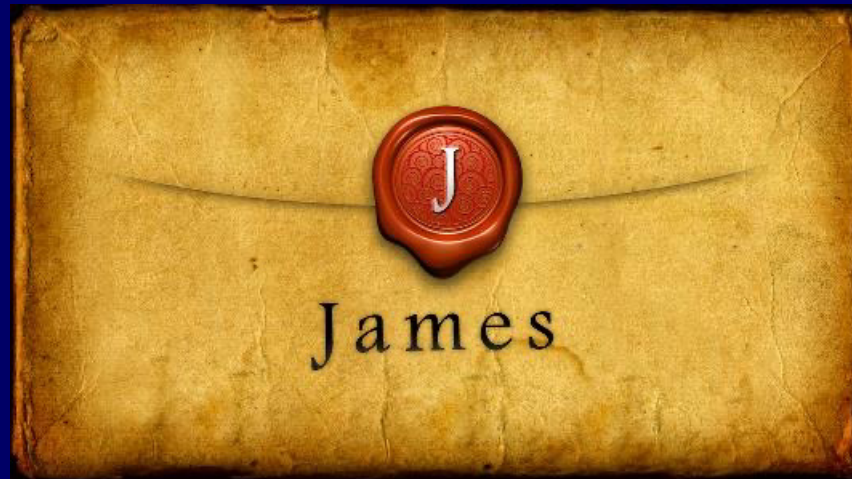
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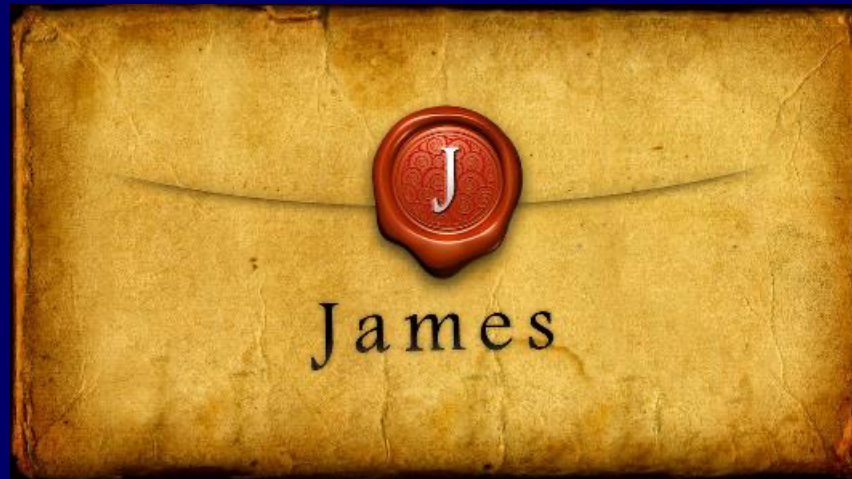
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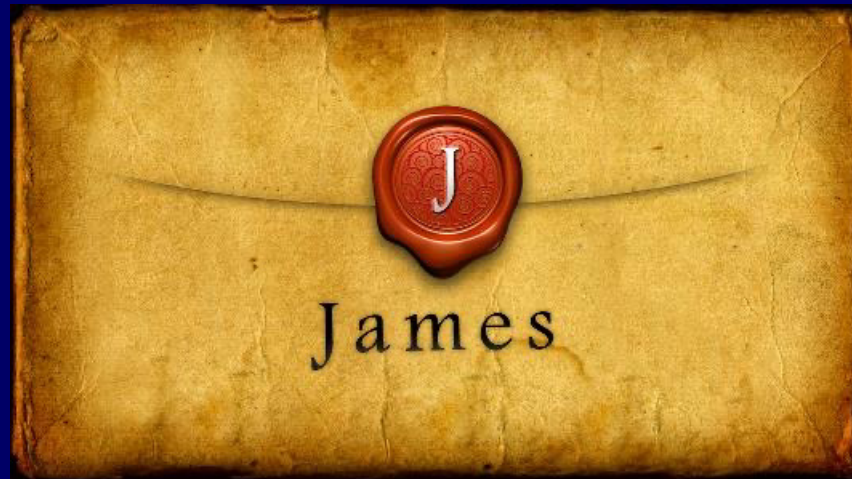
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Commercial Life

(4:13-17)

- I. The Need to Plan while Depending Upon God (4:13-15)
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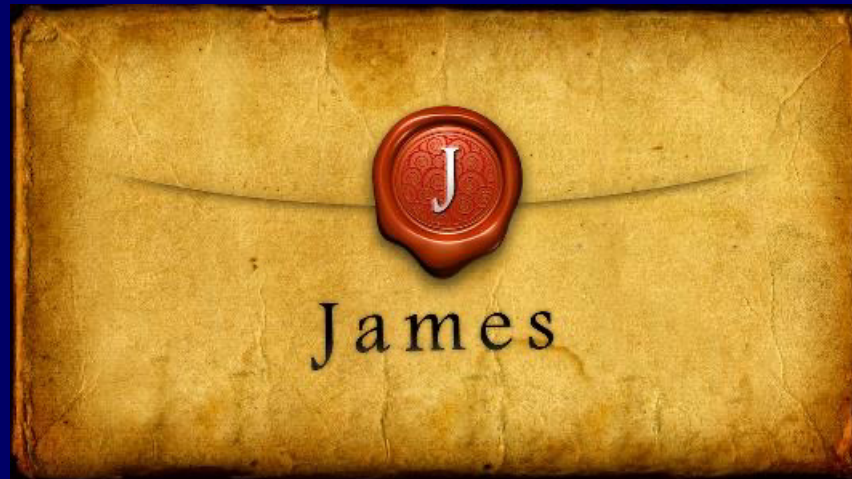
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- I. Predicted judgment coming on rich oppressors (5:1-3)
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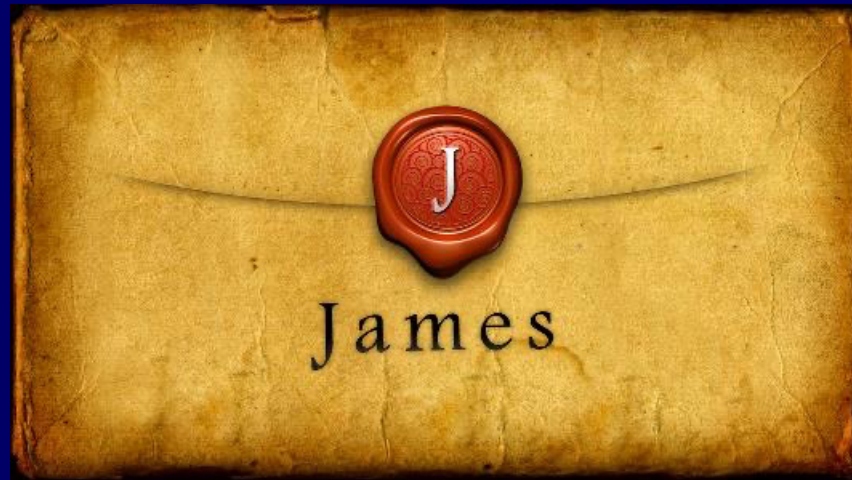
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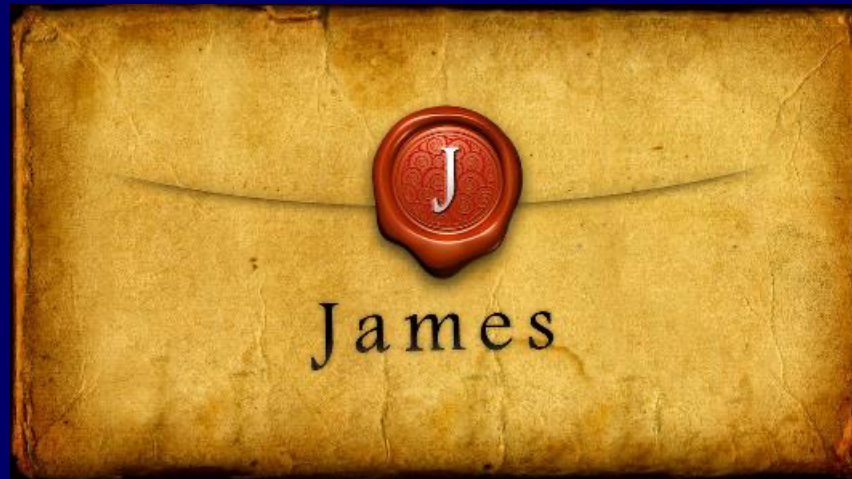
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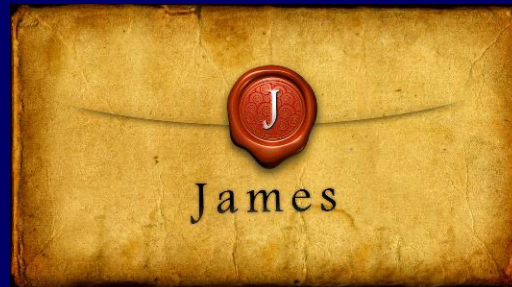
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- A. Afflicted: prayer of dependence (13a)
- B. Happy: prayer of praise (13b)
- C. Sick: elders' prayer (14-15)
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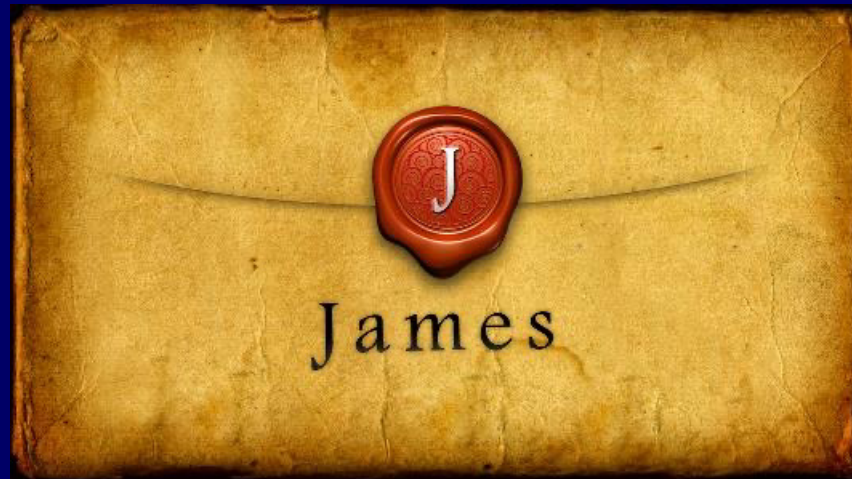


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Audience

- Jewish (1:1)
- Persecution (Acts 8:1-4; 11:19)
- In Babylon-Mesopotamia or North-Central Turkey?
- Believers (Jas 1:2-4)



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- Transfiguration (Matt 17:3)
- Ministries cut short in the OT (2 Kgs 2:11-12; Num 20:12)
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“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish [*ou mē apóllumi; aiōnia*]; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.”



Emphatic (Double) Negation?



“Emphatic negation is indicated by *οὐ μή* plus the *aorist subjunctive*...This is the strongest way to negate something in Greek...*οὐ μή* **rules out even the idea as being a possibility**: ‘*ου μή* is the most decisive way of negating someth. in the future...As well, a soteriological theme is frequently found in such statements, especially in John: **what is negated is the possibility of the loss of salvation.**

2 Timothy 2:11-13

“It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹² If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; ¹³ **If we are faithless,** He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”



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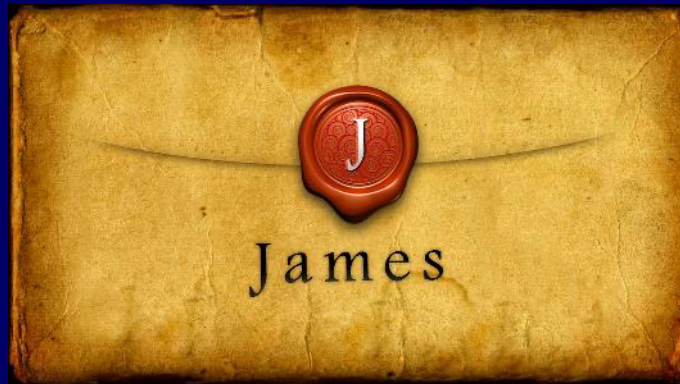
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