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Be Ye Doers of the Word, and Not Hearers Only

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NT 45

Homonymous

James = Ya'akov
Iakobos

1/2 bro of Jesus

John 7:2-5 while Jesus
lived, not even
his brothers
believed in him

before AD 69

likely revised later
by someone w/ better
Greek than a
Jerusalem Jew

Mark 3:16-19 James - Zebedee - died Acts 12 - Herod Agrippa v. 2
James - Alphaeus

v. 17 show these things to James and the brethren

- example of intended continuity of church
- after Jesus' death, they called on an apostle who had been ~~with~~ with them all along
- but Paul was also an apostle, so having followed Jesus all along wasn't a requirement
- James had obviously not attained highest seniority

Acts 15 James seems to be in charge even w/ Peter present

Is this an epistle? Book of James

— Matthew 5-7

A guide to applying the teachings of Jesus in light of the Hebrew scriptures

- Love God, Love your neighbor

12 mini-lessons

2:1-13 favoritism vs. love Matt 5:46-48

2:14-26 faith as shown by works Matt 7:21-27

3:1-12 tame the tongue Luke 6:43-45

4:11-12 condemning others Matt 12:36-37

4:13-17 5:1-6 arrogance & danger of wealth Matt 6:28-34 Matt 6:19-21

5:12 Yea be Yea Matt 5:37

5:7-11 Patience & endurance Matt 24:13

5:13-18 faith-filled prayer Matt 21:21-22

1:2-4 patience will perfect you in the test

Ch 1 starts right in talking about the "test"

perfect Tamim - actions in concert w/ beliefs → doers
Teleios - maturity, purpose of the word 1:22

1:5 "wisdom" → proverbs & God will give you the help you need if you choose to believe

1:2-4 patience has perfect work

1:9-11 rejoice if God raises you from poverty reduces you to poverty
12-18 God is generous

sin = hamartia = missing the (arch) target

1:14-15 sin also has perfect work
drawn away of lust → tempted + choice
lust hath conceived → bringeth forth sin
sin when perfected brings death

1: 25-27 (2)

Law of ^{liberty} freedom (torah of freedom)
(Matt: 22: 34-40 Love God & Love your neighbor)

- speak w/ love
 - serve the poor
 - be generous to God (devoted) in return
- on this hang the Law (torah) and prophets

faith without works

false dichotomy - the question never was "are we saved by faith or works?" It is very clear we are saved by the grace of God through Christ.

The question instead is "how do I know if my faith is real?"
James' answer is

faith being dead without works does not speak to the power of works to save, but to the power of works to identify faith that will save

James says Abraham & others were justified = considered righteous
righteousness = right relationships w/ god & man, integrity

ch 3 govern the tongue

3: 13-18 (wisdom) lies in showing good deeds & humility