



James, Part 3: Genuine Faith is Impartial

The following is a simple guide to help you incorporate Scripture and prayer into your week. Each day begins with reflection on a Psalm followed by the Scripture that was preached this past Sunday. Please set aside 20-30 minutes to prayerfully engage the daily readings and reflections. Be blessed!

Week 3• September 21-25, 2009

Monday, September 21

Read Psalm 86.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God? What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

Read James 2:1-5.

This verse has two connotations, one negative, one positive.

Negative: Is there anyone in your life whom you are showing partiality towards? How would God have you love that person?

Positive: Are you rich in faith? Regardless of our economic status, God loves to reward His people's faithfulness with even more faith. What is one way you can open yourself more to God and richly receive His gifts?

Tuesday, September 22

Read Psalm 87.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God? What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

Read James 2:6-7.

James has hard things to say towards the "rich". What is a practical way you can use the wealth God has given you (whether great or small) to honor Him and serve His people?

Ask the Lord what He would have do today to serve those who may be in physical or spiritual need.

Wednesday, September 23

Read Psalm 88.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God?

What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

Read James 2:8.

James says that the measure of our "success" in our Christian life is how well we are loving people. Friend, how are you doing today at loving and serving those around you? Take some time today to ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and empower you to sacrificially serve your family, your neighbors and co-workers, your church.

Read Galatians 5:16-26. Ask God to build into your life these qualities (i.e. "fruits of the Spirit").

Thursday, September 24

Read Psalm 89.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God?

What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

Read James 2:9-12.

Do you find God's commands liberating? Why or why not? Ask God this morning for a new perspective on how He would have you obey the "law of liberty" and love those around you without partiality or discrimination.

Friday, September 25

Read Psalm 84.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God?

What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

Read James 2:13.

God is a God of mercy, justice, love and forgiveness. Is mercy triumphing judgment in your life? Ask God to give you a heart of mercy today and the strength to love even your enemies and those who have sinned against you.

What evidences of grace have you seen in your life this week? Spend some time thanking and praising God for them.

Those for whom I am

praying...
