



THE BOOK OF JAMES

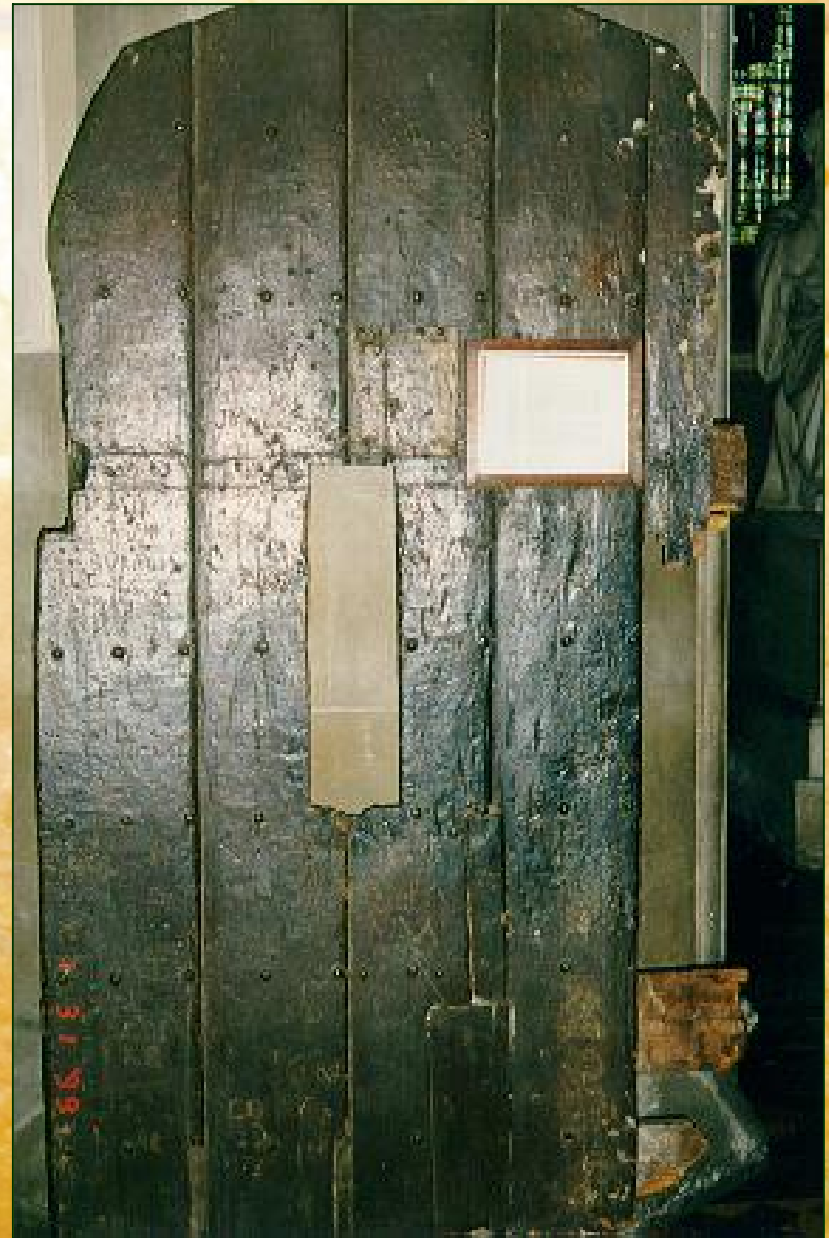
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FAITH WITHOUT
WORKS IS DEAD

**Quieting
Quarreling
Christians
James 4:1-12**

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➤ The Cause of our Conflicts: James 4:1

- They come from “*pleasures*” we pursue that “*wage war*” in our lives
 - *Pleasures*=Hedone or Hedonism
 - A natural or sinful desire,
I want to happy.

Titus 3:3

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

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Philo, contemporary of James.

Is it not because of this passion that relations are broken and this natural good will change into desperate enmity; that great and populace countries are desolated by domestic dissensions and land and sea filled with every new disasters by naval battles and land campaigns; for the wars famous in tragedy have all flowed from one source—desire either for money, glory or pleasure. Over these things the human race goes mad.”

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➤ The Consequences of our Conflicts:

James 4:2-4

- Strangle any spiritual growth and destroy my relationships.

Luke 8:14 *“The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and **pleasures** of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.*”

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I Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

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➤ The Cure for our Conflicts.

James 4:5-12

• But He gives a *greater grace...*

James 4:6

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Grow in God's "greater grace" with God.

- Chose to submit to God and resist the devil. James 4:7

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Resist: antihistemi= anti-against;
histemi-to stand. Stand against him.
He will flee from you!



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“Every denial is a discouragement to Satan. He is like a dog that stands looking and wagging his tail to receive something from the table that is before him. But if nothing is thrown down to him, he will go his own way.”

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Grow in God's "greater grace" with God.

- **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you when you cleanse your life. James 4:8**

Cleanse your hands, you sinners...

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Exodus 30:18-21 Clean Hands

*“You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. “Aaron and his sons shall **wash their hands** and their feet from it; when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, so that they will not die...*

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...or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire sacrifice to the Lord. “So they shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they will not die; and it shall be a perpetual statute for them, for Aaron and his descendants throughout their generations.”

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Isaiah 6:5-7 Clean lips

*Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, “Behold, this has **touched your lips**; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.”*

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James 4:8 Clean heart and mind.

***Cleanse your hands, you sinners;
and purify your hearts, you
double-minded.***

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Grow in God's "greater grace"
toward others.

James 4:9

*Be **miserable** and mourn and weep; let
your laughter be turned into
mourning and your joy into gloom.*

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Grow in God's "greater grace" toward others.

- **Remove any obstacle which may hinder healing. James 4:9**
- **Humble yourself to God's control of any relationship. James 4:10.**

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Grow in *greater grace with others.*

***God is opposed to the proud but gives
grace to the humble. James 4:6***

Proud=huperphanos; huper=over,
phainomai=appear.

To be one up on another.

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Numbers 12:1-4

Then Miriam and Aaron **spoke against** Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman); and they said, “Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?” And the Lord heard it. (Now the man Moses was very **humble**, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.) Suddenly the Lord said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, “You three come out to the tent of meeting.”

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Grow in God's "greater grace" toward others.

Do not speak against or judge another.

James 4:11, 12

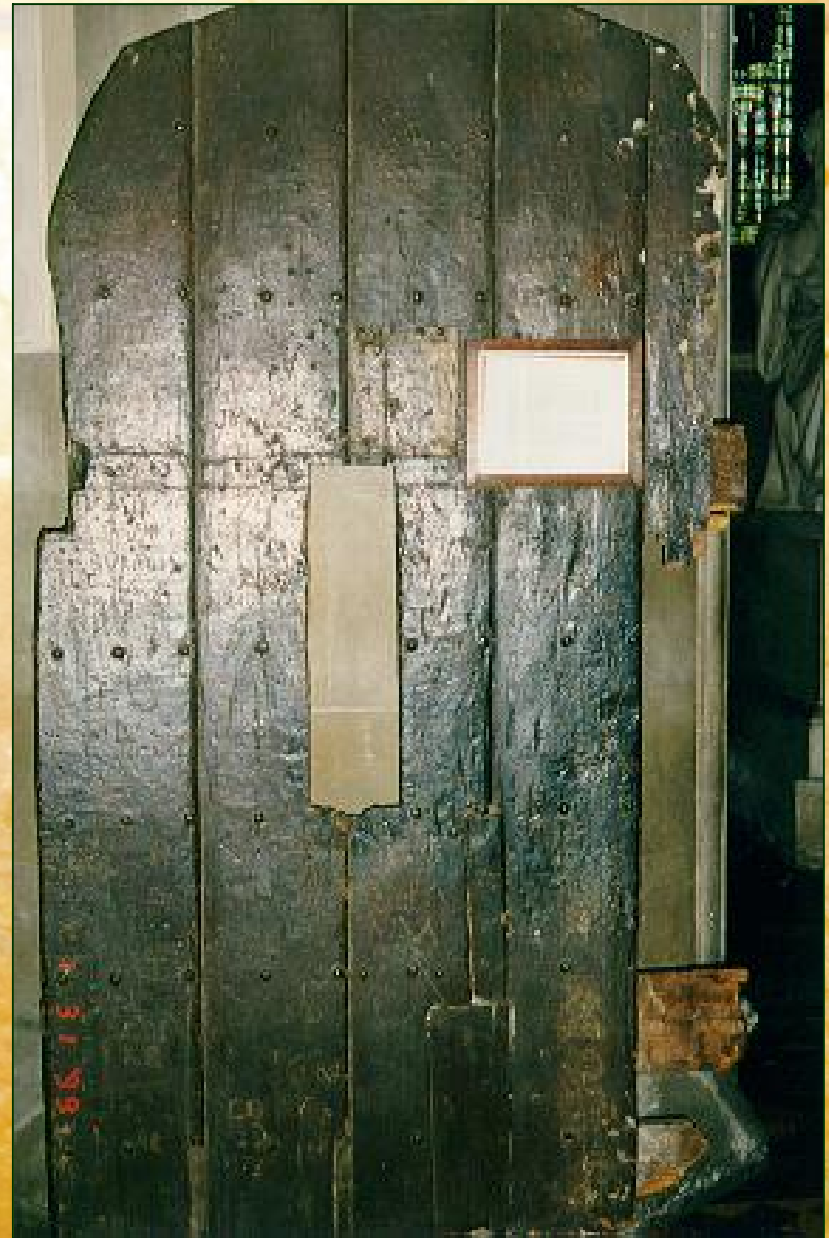
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