

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JAMES LESSON 4 (CHAPTERS 4-5)

1. What is the main point of the discussion James 4:13 about people who decide to do certain things such as taking a journey, making a profit, etc.?
2. Explain the meaning of Ecclesiastes 3:11 "(He has put eternity in their hearts)".
3. When James wrote, "To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (4:17), what was he discussing (in that specific context)?
4. How does James 4:17 apply to us today in regard to our everyday actions?
5. What is the point of the psalmists' statements in Psalm 90:9-10?
6. Explain the connection between James 4:14 and Psalm 90:9-10.
7. This lesson teaches that, in order to be able to stand before God on the Day of Judgment and be considered as righteous, we must do something. What is that "something"?
8. In James 5:1-6, we find a discussion about people who had committed a specific atrocity, for which they drew harsh condemnation. What was that atrocity?
9. In James 5:7-8, he used the example of a farmer waiting on his crops to grow, in order to make a point. What was his point?
10. Explain the circumstances that caused Job to say, "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know" (Job 42:1-2).
11. Why did James hold up Job as an example for us today?
12. Explain the connection between Luke 18:1 and James 5:17.
13. In James 5:14-15, we read of some who were "sick." In the context of the passage, what was their specific illness?
14. What did James say should be done to heal the people mentioned in question #13 above who were sick?
15. Explain the following statement: "Call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (Jas. 5:14).
16. James said of the prophet Elijah, he "was a man with a nature like ours." Explain James' statement.
17. In James 5:19-20, James spoke of some who had "wandered from the truth." What had happened to these people? What was the remedy James gave for their predicament?