

The Book of James

CHAPTER ONE

1.1

James-Acts 12.2 James, the brother of John killed by the sword under King Herod
Acts 12.7 when an angel delivered Peter from prison, he said, “tell James...about this”
Mt 13.55 aren't his brothers James...?
Jude 1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James
See also Acts 15.13ff James spoke up and gave 4 “observations” for Gentile believers to follow

Diaspora-possibly those scattered after the death of Stephen Acts 8.11; 11.19

1.2-8

1.2

1Peter 1.6-9 In this you greatly rejoice, though...you may had to suffer grief
1Peter 4.12-19 Do not be surprised at the painful trial

1.3

Rom 5.3-5 ...we also rejoice in our sufferings

1.4

Mt 5.48 be perfect...as you heavenly Father is perfect

1.5

James 3.17 wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure...
Prov 1.7; 9.10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...(see Ex 20.20; Ps 112.1;
Prov 8.[1-31] 32-36; 15.33; Is 33.6)
Prov 2.1-6 ...²turning your ear to wisdom...
Mat 7.7-11 Ask and it will be given you...Father in heaven give good things

1.6

Mt 21.21-22 If you have faith and do not doubt...²²if you believe, you will receive...
Mk 11.22-24 Have faith in God...²⁴Whatever you ask for in prayer
Eph 4.14 no longer be infants, tossed to back and forth by the waves...by every wind of teaching

1.8

James 4.8 Come near to God and He will come near to you

1.9-11

1.9

James 2.5 has not God chosen those who are poor...to be rich in faith
1 Cor 1.18-31 ²⁷⁻³⁰God chose the foolish things...the weak things....lowly things...

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James 5.1-3 you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming...

1Tim 6.17-19 Command those who are rich...not to be arrogant

Ps 102.3-11 my days vanish like smoke...

Is 40.6-7 All men are like grass..

1Tim 6.9-10 People who want to get rich fall into temptation

1.11

Mt 13.5-6 the seed on rocky ground (parable of sower and seed); interp: 13.20-21

Mt 13.13.7 the seed among thorns “”; interp: 13.22

1.13

Sirach (Apocryphal writing) 15.11-13, 20¹¹Do not say, “Because of the Lord I left the right way”; for he will not do what he hates. ¹²Do not say, “It was he who led me astray”; for he has no need of a sinful man. ¹³The Lord hates all abominations, and they are not loved by those who fear him.

²⁰He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin.

**Temptation for good*-Gen 22.1-18 (Abraham to sacrifice Isaac); Dt 13.1-4 (if a prophet...God is testing)

**Temptation for evil*-Mt 4.1-11 (Devil tempts Christ), Gen 3.1-7

Mt 15.18-20 the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart

1Cor 10.13 no temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man...

1.14-15

Rom 7.7-8 ...do not covet. But sin, seeing the opportunity...

1.15

Rom 7.5, 10⁵when we were controlled by the sinful nature...

Addiction???

Where do we go for help? 2Cor 12.9; Heb 4.14-16

1.16-18

1Cor 15.33-34 Do not be misled: bad company corrupts good character...stop sinning

1Cor 6.9 –11 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the earth...but you were washed...

1.17

Mt 7.11 ...how much more will your father in heaven give good gifts

1Jn 1.5 God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all

1.18

Jn 3.3-8 no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again...

1Pet 1.23-25 (Isa 40.6-8) You have been born again, not of perishable seed...

Jn 1.12-13 all who received Him...children not born of natural descent...but of God

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Firstfruits:

Rom 11.16 if the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy

1Cor 15.20-23 Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits...

1.19-21

1.19

Ecc 5.1 Guard your steps...Go near to listen...

Ecc 7.9 Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit...

Prov 15.1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger

1.21

Col 3.5-11 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature...

1Pet 1.22-23 Now that you have purified yourselves...

1.22-25

[1.22]

-Hypocrisy: listening, not doing; playacting; just going thru the motions

*Rom 2.13-15 not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight

*Mt 7.21-23 Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord...

*Ez 33.30-32³¹...do not put them into practice...

*1Jn 3.16-18 This is how we know what love is...

Lk 12.42-48 who then is the faithful and wise manager

-Doer of the word: which word? (word of truth v18); the one able to save

- παραλογίζομαι: deceive/delude (oneself) [see v16]; can't deceive God, for he knows the heart

[1.24]

-looks basically only outside, not inside

dig into the word; it will change you: Heb 4.12-13

-κατανοέω: notice, observe, consider

-ἀπιλανθάνομαι: forget, neglect, overlook

-examine yourself; be a doer: 1Cor 11.28-29 before the Lord's Supper

confession: are we really saying or mouths just moving?

[1.25]

-looking into the perfect/complete law (broad sense) which is freedom and remains/continues

*Rom 8.1-2 no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus... (law of the Spirit of life)

*Gal 5.13 you...were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature

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*Rom 6.11-14 ...count yourselves dead to sin...

*1Pet 2.16 live as free men...

- μακάριος: blessed

*Jam 1.12 blessed is the man who endures temptation/trial

*Ex 20.5-6/Dt 5.9-10 Meaning of Commandments in SC

*Matt 5.3-11/Lk 6.20-22

*Jn 13.13-17 ¹⁵I have set an example...(Jesus washing feet of disciples)

1.26-27

[1.26]

- θρησκὸς: religion; how are religion and tongue related? (Hypocrisy)

- ἀπατάω: deceive

[1.27]

-Faith in action: synodically/congregationally/within family/individually

*Mt 25.34-46 ³⁴Come, you who are blessed... ⁴¹Depart from me, you who are cursed...

-Spotless from the world

*2Pet 3.14 make ever effort to be found spotless...

CHAPTER TWO

Warning against Partiality

2.5-7

2:5

-τοὺς πτωχοὺς

How are the poor rich? God works opposite than the world does. Full of paradoxes...poor/rich, weakness/strength, suffering/ease, loving/hating, faith/works

Jam 1.9 The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position

1Cor 1.26-31 Think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were...

Lk 6.20 ...Blessed are you poor...(Mt 5.3)

Rev 2.9 I know your...poverty-yet you are rich!

Rom 8.28 And we know that all things work together for good...

- κληρονόμους τῆς βασιλείας (see word study)

- ἐπηγγείλατο (see word study)

-τοῖς ἀγαπῶσιν αὐτόν

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

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2.6

- καταδυναστεύουσιν ὑμῶν rich get richer, poor get poorer...; dept. store; education; life in general; the rich want more and they'll do much to get it (murdered Naboth for vineyard 1Kgs 21.1-16)

Prov 14.21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy

2.7

"We don't need God" "God is dead" "Religion is only for the weak" "Religion is a crutch"

1Pet 4.4 They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation

Jer 4.9 You are among us O Lord, and we bear your name...

Dt 28.9-10 The Lord will est. you as holy people...called by the name of the Lord

2.8-11

2:8

Lev 19.18 Do not seek revenge...love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Matt 19.16-22 rich young man (Mk 10.17-31; Lk 18.18-30)

v19 love your neighbor as yourself

Mk 12.31 second greatest commandment

Lk 10.25-37 Good Samaritan

v27 love your neighbor as yourself

Rom 13.8-10 love neighbor as yourself

Gal 5.14 entire law summed up-love your neighbor

καλῶς ποιείτε-Mt 5.43-47 Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Lk 6.27)

2.9-10

2.9

- παραβάται

Lev 19.15 Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor...

Dt 1.17 Do not show partiality in judging...do not be afraid of any man

Rom 2.11 God does not show favoritism (προσωποληψία)

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Mt 5.18-19 (∙) until heaven and earth disappear...will disappear from the law

2.11

Ex 20.1-2/Dt 5.1-6, 32-33 God who said...

Ex 20.13,14/Dt 5.17-18 murder, adultery

Mt 5.21-22 do not murder...anyone angry with his brother...

Mt 5.27 do not commit adultery...anyone who looks...

Rich man (see ref. to v8 above)

2.12-13

2:12

Jam 1.25 the man who looks intently into the perfect law of liberty...

Rom 8.2 through Jesus Christ the law of the Spirit of life set me from the law of sin...

Gal 6.2 carry each others burdens

2Pet 2.16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover up for evil

2.13

Mt 5.7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

Mt 6.14-15 if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive

Mt 7.1-5 do not judge, or you will be judged...

Mt 18.21-35 the unmerciful servant

Mt 25.41-46 depart from me, you who are cursed...

Prov 21.13 to do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice

Faith and Works

2.14-17

2.18-19

2.20-26

CHAPTER THREE

3:13-18

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3.13

Wisdom: practical insight with spiritual implications

James 1.5 if any of you lacks wisdom...

ἐπιστήμων Understanding: expert/professional knowledge

Epistemology: the study of a theory of the nature and grounds of knowledge

Wise and understanding among you

Gal 6.3-4 if anyone thinks himself to be something...let each examine his own work

Show by good life: Be honest about who you are-your identity is in Christ-live that way

James 2.18 ...you have faith; I have deeds (works)

1Pet 2.12 live such good lives among the pagans that...they may see your good works

X--sign on NY Methodist church "Did God create Adam and Eve or Adam and Steve?"

Faith demonstrates itself through works; don't emphasize the works, but emphasize faith; it's a faith thing

3.14

Bitter jealousy/zeal and strife

1Cor 3.3 still worldly...are you not worldly? Not acting like mere men?

2Cor 12.20 I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions...disorder

Gal 5.20 the acts of the sinful nature are obvious: ...discords, jealousy (zeal)...selfish ambition

Eph 4.31-32 get rid of all bitterness...

3.15

Earthly

Phil 3.17-20 ...set their mind on earthly things...for our citizenship is in heaven

Of the devil

1Tim 4.1 some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons

3.16

1Cor 3.3 where jealousy and quarreling (envy, strife)...

3.17

Wisdom from above

1Cor 2.6-14⁷ we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery...

Without partiality

James 2.1-4 do not hold the faith...with partiality

Without hypocrisy

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Rom 12.9 let love be without hypocrisy

3.18

Prov 11.18-19 ...to him who sows righteousness

Is 32.17 the fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be...confidence

Mt 5.9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God

Heb 12.11 discipline produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it

JAMES FOUR

4.1-10

4.3 self-centeredness, not other-centeredness

4.4 adulteresses; either friend or enemy of God

Mt 12.39 a wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign. [sign of Jonah]

*1Jn 2.15-17 do not love the world...

Rom 8.7 the sinful mind is hostile to God

*Gal 5.17 for the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit...

*Mt 6.24/Lk 16.13 ...you cannot serve God and mammon [can't serve two masters]

4.5 'envies intensely'

*Ex 20.5-6 ...for I the Lord your God am a jealous God...

[The Close of the commandments (meaning): God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.]

4.6 resists the proud and gives grace to the humble

Proverbs 3:34

Mt 23.12 whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself...be exalted

1Pet 5.5-6 ...clothe yourselves with humility toward one another...

4.7 resist the devil

1Pet 5.8-9 the devil prowls around like a roaring lion...resist him, standing firm in the faith

Eph 6.11-12 put on the full armor of God...not against flesh and blood...spiritual forces of evil...

Acts 5.29 we ought to obey God rather than men

4.8 draw near to God-repentance

Hos 12.6 (LXX v7) return to your God...wait for your God always

Dan 6 [Daniel and the lion's den]

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Zech 1.3 return to me, declares the Lord Almighty, and I will return to you
Mal 3.7 ...return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord Almighty

4.9

Is 1.16-18 wash and make yourselves clean...though your sins be as scarlet...
Lk 6.25 woe to you who laugh now, for will mourn and weep

4.10 humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up

Job 5.11 the lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted up
Lk 14.7-11 ¹⁰when invited, take the lowest place...¹¹everyone who exalts himself...humbled

4.11-12

4.11 καταλαλέω - speak evil of, slander (lit: speak against); 3xs in verse
8th commandment; Luther's explanation [Ex 20.16/Dt 5.20]

Ps 15.1-3 who may abide in your tabernacle...he who doesn't backbite
Ps 50.16-21 ¹⁹you give your mouth to evil
Prov 6.16-19 ¹⁹A false witness who speaks lies
1Pet 2.1-3 laying aside...all evil speaking

κρίνω 3xs in verse

Mt 7.1-5 Do not judge...speck in brothers eye
James 1.22 be doers of the word and not hearers only
1Cor 2.15 he who is spiritual judges all things
1Cor 5.12-6.7 ...do I not judge those who are inside?

1Cor 5.12-6.7 // with v12??

Whose law are we under: ours or God's??

4.12 one lawgiver:

Jn 1.17 law given thru Moses

Some see Christ as lawgiver, the giver of the new laws?--Christ executes the judgement but isn't the lawgiver (Jn 5.27)

Mt 10.28 ...fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body
Is 33.22 Lord is our Judge and lawgiver

Who are you to judge? [Judging against a brother-setting oneself as the judge/lawgiver and not God]

Mt 7.1 Do not judge or you too will be judged...
Lk 6.37 Do not judge and you will not be judged...

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*Rom 14.1-4; 10-13 ⁴who are you to judge?... ¹³let us stop passing judgement on one another

God's law and judgement are to be voiced

2Tim 4.2-5 Preach the word; be prepared...correct, rebuke, encourage...

1Tim 4.16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them

Titus 1.9-11...hold firmly to the trustworthy message...and refute those who oppose it

4.13-17: Disregarding God; life in own hands?

4.13-14 we take for granted tomorrow will come; think of who we are before God
how hard it is to speak in faith! What prevents us from talking this way
we don't know the future

x--not just business>>personal life: family planning, vacations, everyday life??

Ps 39.5 my age is nothing before you...man's life is but a breath

Ps 144.4 man is like a breath

Is 40.6-8 all men are like grass

4.15 if the Lord's will-future in his hands

faith rests in God, not in self

don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future; only God knows
what's going to be [we don't]

4.16 all such boasting is evil: focus on self-accomplishment, self-rule, but we are God's creatures
going above God

4.17 sins of commission/omission

this verse applies specifically to boasting (disregarding God in one's life)

CHAPTER FIVE

5.1-6

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5.1 Rich people, weep and wail...

Lk 16.13/Mt 6.24 cannot serve two masters...

[*Jam 4.4 friendship with the world is hatred toward God*]

Lk 16.19-31 the rich man and Lazarus

2Tim 3.1-5 there will be terrible times in the last days...²lovers of themselves...money...

Discussion items: Greed, Who wants to be a millionaire? Chance of a lifetime...

Those who have money want more, those who don't want it--compare with *Phil 4.11-13*

How difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven/God: Mt 19.16-26//Mk 10.17-30//Lk 18.18-30

5.2-3 wealth rots, clothes eaten by moths, gold&silver corroded--what we have in this world won't last; hoarding doesn't help

Job 13.28 So man wastes away like something rotten, like a garment eaten by moths

Is 5.9 The Lord Almighty has declared...the great houses will become desolate...

Mt 6.19-21 do not store up treasures on earth...where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

+Lk 12.15-21 parable of the rich fool...life doesn't consist of one's possessions

+Lk 12.22-33//Mt 6.25-33 do not worry about your life

+Lk 12.34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

You have stored treasure on the last day-death!! [1st commandment]

Lk 6.24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort

Turn away from earthly riches to the heavenly riches given through Christ Jesus!

5.4 wages you failed to pay

Lev 19.13-14 Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight

Dt 24.14-15 Do not take advantage of a hired man...¹⁵pay him his wages

Mal 3.5 I will come near you for judgement...against those who defraud laborers...

Gen 4.10 Abel's blood cried out to God from the ground

God hears the prayers of those who call on him in faith

Ps 18.6-7 In my distress I called to the Lord...they trembled because God was angry

5.5 see parable of rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16.19, 25)

5.6 κατεδικάσατε, ἐφονεύσατε τὸν δίκαιον, οὐκ ἀντιτάσσεται ὑμῖν.

you (pl) condemned, you (pl) murdered the just (sing), he (sing) did not resist you

possible reference to: Christ (condemned--Mk 14.64; Pharisees & Scribes murdered the prophets--Mt 23.29-37, and Jesus--Lk 23.32, Acts 2.22-23; was silent--Is 53.7, Mt 26.63//Mk 14.61, Acts 8.32); Stephen (man full of faith and the Holy Spirit--Acts 6.5; his death-Acts 7.54-60)

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2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

5.7-8

5.7

μακροθυμήσατε-be patient, have patience
fruit, early/late rain-from God Jer 2.23; 5.24
coming of the Lord

5.8

μακροθυμήσατε..στηρίξατε καρίας ὑμῶν
coming of the Lord is near

Rom 13.11-12 the hour has come to wake up...
1Peter 4.7 The end of all things is near
2Peter 2.3-4, 8-9 ...in the last days scoffers will come
Heb 10.25 Let us not give up meeting...day approaching
Heb 10.37 He who is coming will come

5.9

do not grumble, murmur (στενίζω) Phil 12.14
the judge is standing at the door Rev 22.20 Yes, I am coming soon...

5.10-11

5.10

Moses (Pharoah Ex 5-6, the 10 plagues; grumbled against Ex 15-16; golden calf Ex 32; failure to take the Promised Land Num 13-14)

Ezekiel (Ez 2.4-9)
Jeremiah (Jer 35-38)
Daniel [lion's den Dan 6] and his friends [fiery furnace Dan 3] {Daniel's prayer 9.4-6}

5.11

the blessed ones are they who remain/endure (persevere)

Job 1.21-22 The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away
Job 42.10-15 the Lord blesses Job
Ex 34.5-6 ... The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God
Ps 103.8 The Lord is compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love

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οἰκτίρων (merciful, compassionate)

NKJ Exodus 34:6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

NKJ Deuteronomy 4:31 ‘(for the LORD your God *is* a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

NKJ 2 Chronicles 30:9 “For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children *will be treated* with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn *His* face from you if you return to Him.”

NKJ Nehemiah 9:17 They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But You *are* God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.

NKJ Nehemiah 9:31 Nevertheless in Your great mercy You did not utterly consume them nor forsake them; For You *are* God, gracious and merciful.

NKJ Psalm 25:6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they *are* from of old.

NKJ Psalm 51:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

NKJ Psalm 69:16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness *is* good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

NKJ Psalm 78:38 But He, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, And did not destroy *them*. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath;

NKJ Psalm 86:15 But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

NKJ Psalm 103:8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

NKJ Psalm 109:12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

NKJ Psalm 111:4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

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NKJ Psalm 112:4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; *He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

NKJ Psalm 145:8 The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

NKJ Joel 2:13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

NKJ Jonah 4:2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.

NKJ Isaiah 63:15 Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where *are* Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained?

NKJ Luke 6:36 "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

NKJ Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

NKJ 2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

NKJ Hebrews 10:28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

5.12

Mt 5.33-37 Let your yes be yes...

ἐπιστρέψῃ (turn, return)

NKJ Luke 17:4 "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

NKJ 2 Corinthians 3:16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ (his spirit/soul)

NKJ Matthew 10:39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

NKJ Matthew 16:25 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

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NKJ Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

NKJ Matthew 20:28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

NKJ Mark 8:35 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

NKJ Mark 8:36 "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

NKJ Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

NKJ Luke 9:24 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

NKJ Luke 17:33 "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

NKJ John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

NKJ John 12:25 "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

NKJ John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

NKJ James 5:20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

NKJ 1 John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

NKJ 1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."