

Introduction

1. **1:1 and 18: The Readers of James Are Dispersed Jewish Believers (Brethren of James)**
... to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad. . . (cf. Acts 8:1)
2. **2:14ff: Addition model: Bike w/o rider. Similarly, unapplied faith goes nowhere.**
3. **1:19-20: Theme and Outline: Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath**
4. **Addition model is right in Slow to speak: 1:22 (in 1:21-27); 2:1 (in 2:1-13); 2:20 (in 2:14-26)**
5. **1:21 Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**
6. **1:13-15: The deadly power of sin in believers' lives. L-S-D (Lust, Sin, Death)**
7. **5:19-20 Restoring brethren to fellowship can postpone their deaths**
8. **We expect THE before subjects, but not before direct objects of *have*. Thus, James 2:14a-b resembles 1 Cor 13:1-8. We should not say (in James 2:14b): *Such a faith...***
9. **2:22 would be nonsense, if it *THE faith means such a faith*:**
Such a faith [that has no works] worked together with Abraham's works(?!?!?!)
10. **2:14ff switches between addressing the group, one man (tis) in the group & back again**
11. **The Objector and the Diatribe is like 1 Cor 15:34-36**
 - a. **James has the mic'**:¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
 - b. **He gives mic' to objector**:¹⁸ Yea, a man (tis) may say [e.g., object],
"Thou [James] hast faith, and I [Objector] have works: [you, James] shew me thy faith ~~without~~ by thy works, and I [Objector] will shew thee my faith by my works.
¹⁹ Thou [James] believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
 - c. **He takes mic' back, calling objector a fool**:²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

12. What is the objector saying?

^{18b} “James, I grant that you have faith. I also claim to have works [of some sort]. James, prove what you believe by what you do. [I don’t think you can, but if you do] I will match you by showing you what I believe by what I do [but I neither of us can do that, because there is no relation between faith and works]. ¹⁹ I know you believe in monotheism, so you do well. However, James, if you say that belief in monotheism inevitably causes one to do better works than belief in monotheism, I have a counter-example. Demons are monotheists, but (rather than doing good works) they tremble.

13. A hands-on demonstration, showing why James doesn’t respond in kind.

14. 2:21 Abraham was indeed justified by works (before man) when he offered Isaac (years after he was justified by faith alone: Gen 15:6)—offering Isaac was something he would only do, because he believed God would resurrect him

15. 2:22 Abraham’s faith was matured by applying what he believed

16. 2:23 One passage: Gen 15:6 (Abraham believed God) had a fulfillment, in that people could see that he indeed believed God through offering Isaac; a second had fulfillment, when people called Him God’s friend (2 Chron 20:7; Isaiah 41:8)

17. 2:24: Abraham shows 2 justifications (by faith before God/by works before man).

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18. 2:25: After Rahab was justified by faith alone, she was justified by works when she risked her life to spare the two spies

19. A body without the (addition of the human) spirit is dead; likewise faith without (the addition of) works is dead.

The body is compared to faith, the human spirit to works in an addition model

CONCLUSION