

James: Short Outline (Davids p. 33-34)

I. Introduction (chapter 1)

- A. Salutation (1:1)
- B. Opening part one (1:2-11)
- C. Opening part two (1:12-27)

II. Wealth (chapter 2)

- A. Wealth and discrimination (2:1-13).

Don't discriminate between rich and poor believers.

- ❑ ***Don't show favouritism to the well-off.***
- ❑ ***In fact, it is the poor that are rich in faith.***
- ❑ ***'Loving our neighbour as ourself' precludes such favouritism,***
- ❑ ***as does the fact that it is the merciful that will be shown mercy at the last judgement.***

- B. Wealth and sharing (2:14-26)

Demonstrate your faith through generosity.

- ❑ ***Faith without action is as useless as giving warm words but no food to the hungry man.***
- ❑ ***Faith is evidenced by action.***
- ❑ ***Abram evidenced his faith by offering to give up his son.***
- ❑ ***Rahab evidenced her faith by harbouring the Hebrew spies.***

III. Wisdom and the Tongue (3:1-4:12)

- A. Danger of the tongue (3:1-12)
- B. Wisdom and the tongue (3:13-18)
- C. Repentance and the tongue (4:1-10)
- D. Conclusion on the tongue (4:11-12)

IV. Testing (4:13-5:6)

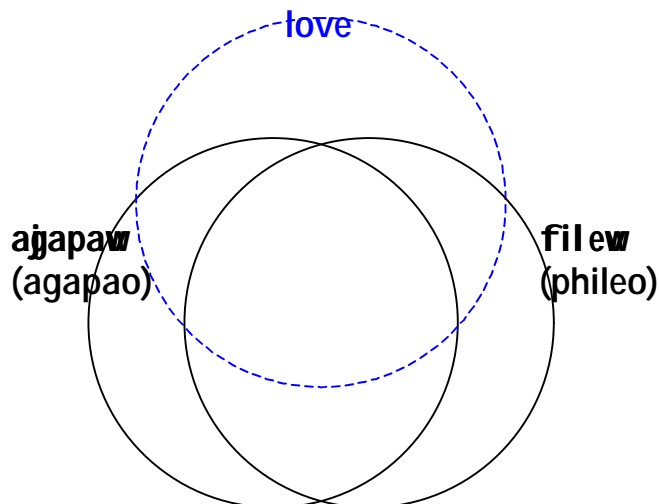
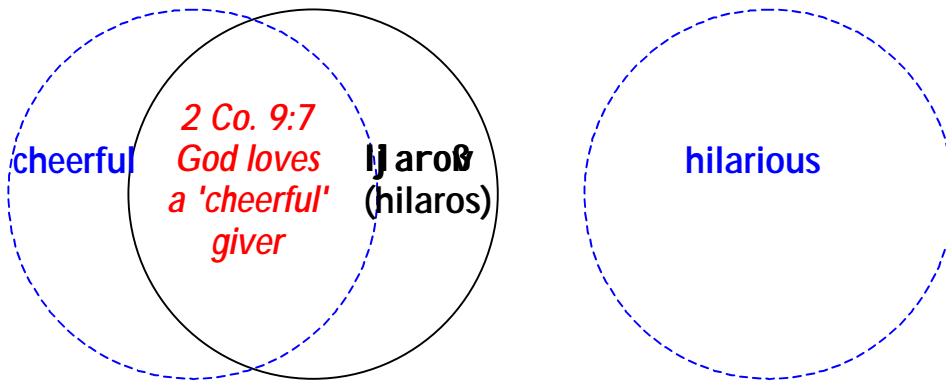
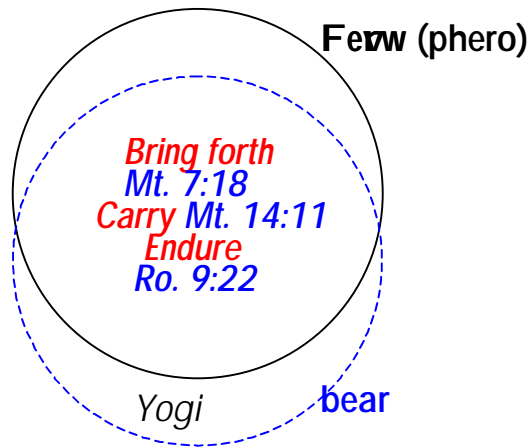
- A. Test of wealth (4:13-17)
- B. Testing by the wealthy (5:1-6)

V. Conclusion

- A. Summary of the teaching (5:7-11)
- B. Oath substitute (5:12) [Replaced the tradition oath by the gods]
- C. Health prayer (5:13-18) [Replaced the traditional health wish]
- D. Purpose statement (5:19-20)

Psalm 112 [1]: 1 Praise the LORD. [2] Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands. 2 His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. 4 Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. [3] 5 Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. 6 Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever. 7 He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. 8 His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes. 9 He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn [4] will be lifted high in honor. 10 The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

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James 1

¹James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:
Greetings.

Trials and Temptations

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,
³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.
⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete,
not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who
gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶But
when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like
a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That man should not think
he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable
in all he does.

⁹The brother in **humble circumstances** ought to take pride in his **high position**.
¹⁰But the one who is **rich** should take **pride** in his **low position**, because he will
pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹For the sun rises with scorching heat and
withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same
way, the **rich** man will fade away even while he goes about his business.
¹²Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood
the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who
love him.

¹³When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot
be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted
when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after
desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives
birth to death.

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Original Word	Word Origin
πειραζο	from (3984)
Transliterated Word	TDNT Entry
Peirazo	6:23,822
Phonetic Spelling	Parts of Speech
pi-rad'-zo	Verb

Definition

1. to try whether a thing can be done
 - a. to attempt, endeavour
2. to try, make trial of, test: for the purpose of ascertaining his quantity, or what he thinks, or how he will behave himself
 - a. in a good sense
 - b. in a bad sense, to test one maliciously, craftily to put to the proof his feelings or judgments
 - c. to try or test one's faith, virtue, character, by enticement to sin
 1. to solicit to sin, to tempt 1c
 - d. of the temptations of the devil
 - e. after the OT usage
 1. of God: to inflict evils upon one in order to prove his character and the steadfastness of his faith
 2. men are said to tempt God by exhibitions of distrust, as though they wished to try whether he is not justly distrusted
 3. by impious or wicked conduct to test God's justice and patience, and to challenge him, as it were to give proof of his perfections.

NAS Verse Count

Matthew	6
Mark	4
Luke	2
John	2
Acts	5
1 Corinthians	3
2 Corinthians	1
Galatians	1
1 Thessalonians	1
Hebrews	5
James	2
Revelation	3
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
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test 6, tested 2, testing 7, tried 2, trying 2

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