

JAMES DETAILED OUTLINE: THE RESILIENCE OF SAVING FAITH

1:1 The Battlefield: Christians scattered in this world

Eight ways saving faith counters the world's attacks

- 1) **1:2-12 Saving faith confidently exploits trials**
 - a) 1:2-4 with a joyful anticipation
 - b) 1:5-8 with an assured wisdom
 - c) 1:9-11 with a humble endurance
 - d) 1:12 with a blessed reward
- 2) **1:13-18 Saving faith clearly explains good and evil**
 - a) 1:13-15 God is not the origin of evil
 - b) 1:16 It is easy to be deceived about good and evil
 - c) 1:17-18 God is the origin of every good thing
- 3) **1:19-2:13 Saving faith effectively overcomes wickedness**

Seven Forms of Wickedness effectively overcome by saving faith

 - a) 1:19-20 Righteousness overcomes anger
 - b) 1:21 Bible study overcomes filthiness
 - c) 1:22-25 Obedience overcomes mere theory
 - d) 1:26-27 Godliness overcomes false religion
 - e) 2:1-9 Love overcomes discrimination
 - f) 2:10-13 Mercy overcomes the judgemental
- 4) **2:14-26 Saving faith always vindicates itself**
 - a) 2:14-17 Saving faith is not just good intentions
 - b) 2:18-20 Saving faith is not just right beliefs
 - c) 2:21-26 Saving faith justifies
- 5) **3:1-18 Saving faith humbly controls its influence**
 - a) 3:1-12 Our teachers are controlling their tongues
 - b) 3:13-18 Our leaders are controlling their behaviour
- 6) **4:1-12 Saving faith exploits grace**
 - a) 4:1-3 Grace enables self-examination
 - b) 4:4-7 Grace enables submission to God
 - c) 4:8-10 Grace enables repentance
 - d) 4:11-12 Grace enables graciousness
- 7) **4:13-5:6 Saving faith considers eternity**
 - a) 4:13-17 Life is short: An exposé of arrogant planning
 - b) 5:1-6 Luxury is vain: An exposé of dishonest riches
- 8) **5:7-20 Saving faith endures resolutely**
 - a) 5:7-11 "My hope is in Jesus"
 - b) 5:12 "My word is my honour"
 - c) 5:13-15 "My actions are appropriate"
 - d) 5:16-18 "My prayers are heard"
 - e) 5:19-20 "My care for you is sincere"