**The Study of James: Contend for the Faith**

**James’ Doctrine of Life or Death - James 1:9-15**

**Hermeneutics: Biblical Context Over Doctrine**

It is common to superimpose one's doctrine or theology on a passage while missing the point of the context and therefore destroying the meaning. **Eisegesis**: Introducing one's opinions into the text.

**James' Doctrine of the Paradox of Life**

"*9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also, will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits*." (James 1:9–11)

* **The Paradox of Social Status** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **The Paradox of Pursuits** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**James' Doctrine of Life**

*"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."*  (James 1:12)

* **Test** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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* **The Crown of Life** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**James' Doctrine of Death**

*"13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."* (James 1:13–15)

* **Test and Temptation**. (The same root word in the original language)
* **The Life Cycle of Temptation**.

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Death \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* **We choose either Life or Death**.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss James’ paradox of life, James 1:9-11.
2. The Crown of life is for this lifetime; how can we receive it, James 3:12?
3. Discuss the life cycle of sin and how to avoid it, James 1:13-15.
4. Discuss the difference between temptation and sin, James 1:14-15.