

# *The Letter of* **James**

lust fruits speaks grass produce forth  
dead love one coming become joy sea says  
Lord fire see small world  
brethren judgment pray let endurance  
knowing among man beloved set rich able name result  
brother perfect body without law full patient  
great speak gives poor kind therefore faith away death near  
mercy blessed tongue anyone God ask good life scripture  
murder earth wisdom say know show promised  
driven hearts comes tempted truth first judge doer  
Christ evil Jesus save works father made every ways  
given thing sin receive humble judges  
wind righteousness word peace clothes sins rain  
justified double-minded

# James 2:20-26

## Overview

**20 Faith without works: useless**

**21-23 Illustration: Abraham**

**24 Faith and works: living faith**

**25 Illustration: Rahab**

**26 Faith without works: dead**

**Matthew 11:19** - Yet wisdom is vindicated (*dikaioō*) by her deeds.

**Luke 10:29** - But wishing to justify (*dikaioō*) himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

**1 Timothy 3:16** - By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, was vindicated (*dikaioō*) in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.



## Genesis 22:1-2

**1**Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **2**He said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”





# The Temple Mount (Mt. Moriah)

**2054 BC** – Abraham offers up Isaac as a sacrifice

**1000 BC** – David made a sacrifice on the threshing floor

**967 BC** – Solomon built the temple

**586 BC** – the Babylonians destroyed the temple

**516 BC** – Zerubbabel rebuilt the temple

**20 BC-26AD** – Herod the Great enlarged and renovated the temple

**70 AD** – the Romans destroyed the temple

**637 AD** – Muslims took over the temple mount











## Genesis 22:3-5

<sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

<sup>5</sup>Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."

## Genesis 22:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”



## Genesis 22:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup>Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

## Genesis 22:10-12

**10** Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **12** He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."



## Genesis 22:13-14

**13** Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. **14** Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

## Genesis 22:15-18

**15** Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, **16** and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17** indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed...and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. **18** In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”





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## Joshua 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and lodged there. <sup>2</sup>It was told the king of Jericho, saying, “Behold, men from the sons of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.”



## Joshua 2:3-6

<sup>3</sup>And the king of Jericho sent *word* to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.” <sup>4</sup>But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them, and she said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. <sup>5</sup>It came about when *it was time* to shut the gate at dark, that the men went out; I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.” <sup>6</sup> But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them in the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof.

## Joshua 2:15-16

**15** Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall. **16** She said to them, “Go to the hill country, so that the pursuers will not happen upon you, and hide yourselves there for three days until the pursuers return. Then afterward you may go on your way.”

## Joshua 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup>Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, <sup>9</sup> and said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you. <sup>10</sup> For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt...



## Joshua 2:10-11

**10** ...and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. **11** When we heard *it*, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

## Joshua 2:12-13

**12** Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's household, and give me a pledge of truth, **13** and spare my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters, with all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death."



## Revelation 21:5-8

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."



