



*The Book of James*

**UNSTAINED:  
Living a Pure &  
Compassionate Life**

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**Religion**

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**‘Episkeptomai’**

# **Good Religion vs Bad Religion**

**Grace - a gift from God that is  
undeserved and cannot be earned.**

**Christianity**

**Islam**

**Hinduism**

**Buddhism**

**Sikhism**

**Judaism**

**Bahá'í Faith**

**Jainism**

**Shintoism**

**Taoism**

**What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?**

**James 2:14**

**True religion is pure, worthwhile, and  
able to save your soul from an eternity  
in hell.**

**True religion, a right relationship with God, isn't based on any thought, any feeling, or any work. It is based on the saving work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.**

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**The majority of the New Testament is  
God's way of showing us what a  
gospel driven life should look like.**



**“If you really know Him, if you stand right before the Almighty God and if you have been run over by the grace train of Jesus, then it is going to change how you act in this world.”**

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When you accept the **values and the systems of this world** as your personal beliefs, you have become **stained** by this world.

## **Matthews 25's 3 Parables**

**Parable of the 10 Virgins** - Life is short and if you aren't intentionally living for Christ, you might miss the party

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**Parable of the talents** - Don't waste your life. Everything you do will bring reward or regret. Invest in the Kingdom of God and not in your comfort.

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**Parable of the Sheep and Goats - If you know and love God then you will love the people that He loves.**

<sup>31</sup> “When **the Son of Man comes** in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

<sup>32</sup> Before Him will be gathered **all the nations**, and **He will separate people** one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

**<sup>33</sup> And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'**

<sup>35</sup> For I was **hungry** and you gave Me food, I was **thirsty** and you gave Me drink, I was a **stranger** and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup> I was **naked** and you clothed Me, I was **sick** and you visited Me, I was **in prison** and you came to Me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

**<sup>38</sup> And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘**Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.**’**

**Matthew 25:31-40**

If you have truly experienced the **Grace of God** then you know that it **changes** you. What was once important **no longer is** and what is important to God **becomes** important to you.

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will say to those on His left,  
‘**Depart from Me**, you cursed, into the  
eternal fire prepared for the **devil and**  
**his angels.**”

<sup>42</sup> For I was **hungry** and you gave Me no food, I was **thirsty** and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a **stranger** and you did not welcome Me, **naked** and you did not clothe Me, **sick** and **in prison** and you did not visit Me.'

**44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, **when** did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, '**Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.**'**

<sup>46</sup> **And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**

**Matthew 25:41-46**

**God allows us to walk away from Him  
if you want to. However, He is also a  
God who answers our cries for  
forgiveness and allows us to  
experience His grace and forgiveness  
as much as **we need it!****

**If you know Christ, you will act like it  
and what breaks His heart will break  
yours. Your actions will speak of your  
identity.**

# What Breaks God's Heart?

1) **14 million** children suffer from  
severe malnutrition

**(45%** of child deaths are related to  
hunger and hunger related issues)

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2) **Every day** 10,000 children die due to hunger and hunger related issues.

(**700** children die every day due to lack of clean water and unhygienic living conditions)

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**3) Over 1 Million children** are raped in this world every day.

(in the last **5 years**, there have been **1235** human trafficking offenses. (**1/1.5** days))

**What if God did not give you **all you have** so you could have **all you want**,  
but so others could have **all they need**?**

**“...we don't **always know** how God's plan for our life will work out, but we **just do** the next thing on the list... we kept following God's leading through a lot of prayer, talking to other foster and adoptive parents, and reading books.**

We prayed about it a lot until we felt **God was actually ready** for us to take the plunge. I know that **not everybody** is called to foster and adopt personally, however I do firmly believe there's a lot more people that can do it then actually do it. **If the church can't support orphans 100%, then who is going to help these kids.**

- Jennifer Sollenberger

Often, I think people think it **{James 1:27}** doesn't apply to them because they don't **feel** called to adopt or foster. But **God calls all of us** to care for the orphans and widows in different ways. It might be prayer, taking a meal, giving a gift card, providing clothes, toiletries for the child, or supporting the parents by listening and being available..

**It is important that people know **not everyone is called to adopt or foster,** but there are so many ways you can help.**

**- Bethany Hanft**