

- D. The commandments given in view of the state of the Jewish believers and in view of the fact that it is only by obtaining the grace of God that they can be delivered from it. vss. 7-17
1. They are to submit themselves to God in all things vs. 7a
  2. They are to resist the devil whenever they are tempted. vs. 7b
  3. They are to go to God in prayer in order to obtain the grace they need. vs. 8a
  4. They are to reform themselves externally, i.e., they are to get rid of their sinful actions. vs. 8b.
  5. They are to purify themselves internally, i.e., they are to get rid of their sinful desires, thoughts, affection, attitudes, motives, and feelings. vs. 8c
  6. They are to repent and feel true sorrow for their sin. vs. 9
  7. They are to confess their sin to the Lord and ask for His forgiveness vs. 10
  8. They are not to talk against their brother because if they talk against their brother and condemn him, they also talk against the law he obeys and they condemn it. If they do that, they are not those who obey the law, but they are judges who determine what law is to be obeyed. Since only God has the right to do that, and to acquit or condemn those who obey or disobey His law, they are not to talk against their brother and condemn him. vss. 11,12

Note: This applies to matters that are not binding on the consciences of all men such as circumcision, the observance of holy days, and certain meats.

9. They are not to have a presumptuous confidence respecting the future vss. 13-17

Why?

- a. Because of the uncertainty of life vs.14
- b. Because of their absolute dependence on God for their very life and for whatever they do. vs. 15
- c. Because it is sin. vss. 16,17

#### X. Outline of James 5

- A. Address to the rich who are unjust and oppressive vss. 1-6

1. Description of their activities. vss. 2,3a,b,4,5a,6

- a. They hoarded their riches, garments, and money. vss. 2,3a,b