SUNDAY SERVICES

11.00 am - Morning Service and Junior ChurchHoly Communion 1st Sunday of each month.

4.00 pm - Afternoon Service on Special Occasions.

4 - 6.00 pm - Higher Kingdom Church International in the Hall—(Pastor Sam)

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY - MWA - Meeting 3rd Sunday after service.

WEDNESDAY - 7.30 pm - Bible Studies, on Zoom.

THURSDAY - Men's Fellowship Meeting at 1pm - (Normally on 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom / Hall)

FRIDAY - Intercessory Prayers - 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

SATURDAY- 7.30—8:30 p.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting – (Before Communion Sunday—Meeting on Zoom)

Choir Practice. (To be confirmed).

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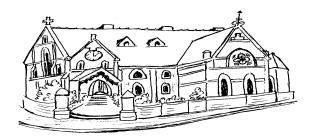
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Do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.

[Zechariah 7:10 NRSV 1989].

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. [1 Peter 3:8 NRSV, 1989].

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Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings, in Jesus' Name.

As I write this message (23 June 2025) the news headlines report on the bombings between Israel and Iran, and how things are escalating. Focus was given towards peace talks, only a week ago. American have stated that they will give Iran two weeks for a response. A few days later America sent their jets to bomb Iran. What is happening! Are we able to believe the government officials who are leading the nations? Where is the saying 'My word is my bond'. America is still sited as a Christian nation. Where are the Christian values. I encourage each of you to let your yes be yes and your no be no. Let others see who you are and in whom you believe.

As we move into the month of July and August, we now say good bye to the longest day of the year (on the 21 June in the United Kingdom) and slowly recognize that the days are now becoming shorter. Night is gradually coming earlier and earlier; little by little.

We remember all of our young people who have recently completed their exams, and are now awaiting the results. These can be very nervous times of waiting. How are you supporting the young people as they wait? How can you speak calm and patience into their wait?



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- 10. What is our understanding of mercy, and what does James say about it?
- 11. What is the message that James is teaching in verses 12-13?
- 12. What is being said in v14, and what examples are given in v15-17?
- 13. What is the message here in v17?

Read James 2:18-26 – examples of great deeds?

Genesis 22:1-2; 11-13. Abraham tested. Isaac verses 21-24.

Joshua 2:1-22 – Rahab and the spies verses 25-26.

We are given the Holy Spirit so that, we may live in Christ through faith.

Brothers and Sisters, how does James change our understanding of favouritism?



Bible Studies - Wednesday 25th June 2025 – by Sr. Ethney.

Read James 2:1-7.

- 1. What is the message in v1 and what is favouritism?
- 2. Verse 2 gives us an example of favouritism (where else in the Bible can you find the act of favouritism)?
- 3. Why is the act of favouritism destruction to faith, and how doing it affects us as believers?
- 4. What does James teach us in the following verses, 3-4?
- 5. What is promised and who has God chosen in v5?
- 6. What message is James teaching us in verses 6-7?

Read James 2:8-17

- 7. What are we being reminded of from the Scriptures in v8?
- 8. What is James saying in verses 9-10?
- 9. What are we being reminded of in v11 about the Scriptures?

During the month of July and August, a number of our congregation members are planning to taking holidays. Taking a break from the normal activities of daily life.

Taking the opportunity to visit family, friends or places of interest. Taking the opportunity to spend some time in a warm country where the weather should be constantly warm. Our Church is planning a visit to Leigh on Sea, in Essex on Saturday 26th July sign up and be part of the experience.

Our Natural Church Development (NCD) champion is Sr Heather A. If you have any ideas to strengthen our fellowship or to spread the gospel, please use the suggestion box in the Church or speak directly to Sr Heather A.

We also remember in prayer our brothers and sisters, especially those who have lost their loved ones. May God's comfort and, strengthen all who mourn.

Do you remember the hymn below, (vv 1 and 4):

Summer suns are glowing, over land and sea, happy light is flowing, bountiful and free.

Everything rejoices, in the mellow rays, all earth's thousand voices, swell the psalm of praise.

We will never doubt thee, though thou veil thy light: life is dark without thee; death with thee is bright. Light of Light! shine o'er us, on our pilgrim way, go thou still before us, to the endless day.



Revd. Edwin.



DEVOTIONAL CORNER

1 Chronicles 29:10-15 [NRSV, 1989]

"Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

- 11. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.
- 12. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.
- 13. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.
- 14. "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."
- 15. For we are aliens and transients before You, as were all our ancestors; our days on earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.



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May 25th [marked] the 5th anniversary of the murder of George Floyd. You would have thought that much would have changed, given the outpouring of anger, grief, and sympathy that happened in the wake of his death.

Yet today, what do we find? DEI programs in the USA are under attack by the federal government. In Canada, many continue to deny that systemic racism exists. At the same time, there seems to be a growing sense of contentment about anti-Black racism.

Some seem to suggest that they have heard enough about racism. Yet, while hearing so much, has there been an easy quantum of change for the better? Let us consider how we can constructively seek to reclaim being woke from the negative connotations it has acquired.

If you ask me what my wish is for my church for the next 100 years, my wish would be that it is woke, empathetic, and understanding.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, as we proclaim God's Kingdom, may we do so as your woke people. Amen.

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts

World Council of Churches (https://www.oikoumene.org/)
Programme Executive for Spiritual Life
Programme Executive for Faith and Order

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Perhaps it was too much to expect people to wake up so quickly or to wake up to so many things in a short time. But the pushback against woke became intentional, constant and insidious. It became a movement to discredit and despise the use of the word. People began associating being woke with everything, seeking to destroy society's fabric. It became associated with a political movement seeking to overturn all that society had hitherto held sacred. So woke became a dirty word.

As a Black man, I have come to realise that my White counterparts have no real idea of how racism affects me. I have learned that there is a rush to try to comfort me, but the underlying issues remain the same after that. Consequently, in the rush to make things appear normal, the cause of the hurt is overlooked.

This means that it will occur again, and I must constantly explain myself and why this is hurtful. I have come to realise that as a Black person, my lot is to continually have to explain myself. But each time, there is a rush to make this seem OK.

This constant requirement to explain myself and justify my feelings is a daily burden. It's a burden that many of us in the Black community have, and it's a burden that I wish my White counterparts could understand.

A Time of Praise.

I will enter into His courts with praise, and thanksgiving in our hearts, for again, this is the day our Lord has made, let us be so glad in it.

Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer, giving thanks and rejoice in the good Lord always, and again, I say rejoice for His goodness to us.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Please read Philippians chapter 4.

Blessings Sr. Precious

Hymn CMP 347 H. L. Turner (19th century)

It may be at morn, when the day is awaking, when sunlight through darkness and shadow is breaking, that Jesus will come in the fullness of glory, to receive from the world His own.

Chorus: O Lord Jesus how long? How long ere we shout the glad song? Christ returneth, hallelujah, hallelujah, Amen!

3. While hosts cry, "Hosanna", from heaven descending, with glorified saints and the angels attending, with grace on His brow, like a halo of glory, will Christ receive His own?

O Lord Jesus how long.....



News of the Fellowship

We continue to remember with love and prayers our members and friends who have been absent from worship due to illness or are housebound; as we lift them to the LORD in prayers.

Anyone who is aware of members or friends, who might be away due to illness, or for any other reason, please advise the Minister in order that pastoral visitations may be arranged.

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It is our custom to welcome all visitors to our services. We trust that they enjoyed fellowship with us. Refreshments are usually served after the service in the hall. Please join us, if possible.

Congratulations, prayers and blessings to all those who have celebrated a birthday or an anniversary since our last Focus. We continue to ask for prayers for members and friends.

Condolences are extended to recently bereaved families of the late Louise MacFarlane, Comfort Henry and Henry Mills We remember before God all those who mourn the loss of loved family members, friends and colleagues.

Kindly keep them in your prayers, as well as those who have been absent from church services for a very long period.

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There has been a pushback against being woke. Language is, by definition, dynamic, so words' meanings can change and adapt over time. I hold to the word's initial meaning for this blog and call on the church to be woke. Until we are woke, we cannot call on the society around us to be woke. I repudiate and reject the suggestion that the issues faced by Black people are not real or that it is not as bad as we are making them sound.

We must be woke to the realities of systemic racism and discrimination, and we must work together to create a more just and equitable society and church community. In proclaiming the kingdom of God, Jesus said we need to be woke. The kingdom of God, not a location or a geographic destination, is the state of what God wants for the world and human relations.

We see the kingdom of God in Jesus' care for those considered outcasts or socially ostracised. In his words and actions, Jesus called on us all to be aware of the needs, the issues, and the hurts that all people endure. His preaching called on us to do what we can to create a better world for all God's people and creation. Jesus was woke and called on his followers to be woke. Ministry, it is said, is the continuation of the work of Jesus in our time.

From: Friday Focus <moravianfridayfocus@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday 30 May 2025 at 16:02:11 BST **Subject:** Friday Focus - May 30, 2025 (3)

This week I wish to continue along the same trend as last week by looking again at the issue of antiblack racism. This week though, I invite us into our FF reflection with some thoughts (edited) from a recent post done by Rev Dr Paul Walfall's blog. Today's FF theme for then is a call: CHURCH, IT'S TIME TO WOKE UP!

Are you woke? No, I am not talking about the past tense of the word awake. According to the online Urban Dictionary, the word woke was initially used in the Black community to describe persons outside of the community being aware of the issues the Black community was facing. These were the issues Black people have been speaking about, which those outside the community seem oblivious to or choose to rationalise away.

These were the issues of systemic racism and discrimination because you are Black, and the concomitant issues associated with this. It arose because, too often, those outside of the Black community would respond, "I did not know," or "I did not realise..." to the issues voiced by Black people. These issues were real, and in some cases, they were lifeand-death situations. So, when people started to appreciate what was being said and were conscious and aware of the issues, they were woke. You could say they were asleep to the problems of injustice and discrimination, but now they were awake.

Church Services in July 2025

6th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship —Revd. E. Quildan

13th - 11 a.m.- Morning Worship — Sr. V . Williams

20th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship— Revd. E. Quildan

27th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship - Sr. A. Kendall & Junior C.

Church Services in August 2025

3rd - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship - Revd. E. Quildan

10th - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship — Sr. G. Adjei

17th—11 a.m.— Morning Worship— Revd. E. Quildan

24th - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship — S. V. Khan

31st - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship — Revd. D. Elliott.

Stewards' Rota – July 2025

6th Sr. Ethney Br. Paul

13th Sr. Margaret Sr. Heather B

20th Sr. Bernadette. Sr. Grace

27th Sr. Akua Br. Cecil.

Stewards' Rota – August 2025

3rd Sr. Avis. Sr. Betty

10th Sr. Pat F. Sr. Sr. Vivienne N

17th Sr. Heather A. Sr. Geneva

24th Sr. Pauline Sr. Denise

31st Sr. Shauna Sr. Beverley.



IN APPRECIATION Flower Donations - May 2025

4th — Br. Cecil Haywood for his birthday. Br. Carley Peynado for his birthday and from Sr. Denise Allison in remembrance of her late Mother Avis Allison.

11th— Sr. Bernadette and family in memory of her late Aunt Sylvia, and from the flower fund.

18th — Revd. and Sr. Wendy Quildan for their daughter Sr. Rebekah's birthday. Sr. Pauline Laud for her brother Mike and sister Avis's respective birthdays.

25th— Sr. Cynthia Jacobs for her birthday; Sr. Valerie Williams for her birthday and from Sr. Akua Boakye-Ansah for her late daughter Sherrie's funeral service.





Rich in Mercy -Wednesday 11th June 2025

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4–5, ESV

Today's Word: It's easy to believe that God will bless us when we're doing what's right and making good choices. But the beauty of the mercy of God is that even when we make mistakes, when we've done the wrong thing, He doesn't say, "Too bad. You had your chance, but you blew it. Now you're on your own." No, His mercy covers you. His mercy is bigger than any mistake. He is not holding that against you. God will not only help bring you out of the trouble, He'll help clean up the mess and cause something good to come out of it.

If this is going to happen, you can't sit around feeling guilty, condemned, and beating yourself up because of past mistakes. It takes a boldness to believe that God will bless you in spite of what you've done.

The accuser will say, "You made the mess. You went the wrong way. God's not going to listen to you. Who do you think you are?" Answer back, "I am a child of the Most High God. I am redeemed, forgiven, covered by mercy."

Prayer for Today: "Father, thank You that You are rich in mercy, and nothing is too hard for You to work out in my life. Thank You that You never give up on me when I've gone my own way and failed. Help me to hear Your word and simply believe that You will work wonders for me as I follow you and turn from sin. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Revd. S. Ayete Nyampong via WhatsApp

Why Hide? - Tuesday 10th June 2025

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. Hebrews 4:13, NLT

Today's Word: Adam and Eve were the first ones to try to hide and cover up their sin from God, but we've all done it since then. David tried to cover up his sin with Bathsheba and pretended for over a year that he was doing just fine.

It might be about a situation where we compromised, or guilt over an addiction, or pride, or anger. It might be about our shortcomings, failures, or insecurities. We have to try really hard to pretend, to look good and protect our image, as well as to try to ignore what we feel deep down. Why try to hide? God already knows the areas you struggle in. He knows your weaknesses, your sins, your failures.

He knows who you really are, not who you pretend to be. A much better way to live is to say, "God, I'm tired of pretending to be something I'm not.

I want to be real. Here's what I've covered, and I have no excuse for it. I'm asking You to change me, to make and mould me. I can't do it on my own."

Prayer For Today: "Father, thank You that I don't have to hide my weaknesses or shortcomings. Search my heart and show me where my motives are wrong and where I'm pretending. I humbly admit that I don't have it all together, and I'm glad You're still working on me. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Revd. S. Ayete Nyampong via WhatsApp



Flower Donations—June 2025

1st — The flower fund

8th—Sr. Clarice Prosser in memory of her late mother Lilla and from the flower fund.

15th — Sr. Pauline Laud in memory of her late brother Tony.

22nd—MWA and from the flower fund.

29th — Sr. Norma Dixon in memory of her late sister Phyllis and her granddaughter's mother Paulette and from the flower fund.

In Appreciation: We give our God thanks for His numerous blessings which encourages anonymous donations towards the flower fund.

May our God continue to refill your storehouses, as you remain faithful towards His ministry.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Good Samaritan -Find the missing words Luke Chapter 10 vv 25-37

25 On one occasion an	in the law stood
up to test Jesus.	_," he asked, "what
must I do to inherit eternal life?"	
26 "What is	in the law? he
replied, How do you read it?	
He answered, Love the Lord your God and with all your soul and with all you all your mind'[a]; and, 'Love as yourself.'[b]"	r strength and with
28 "You have answered correctly," Jes and you will live."	us replied. "Do this
29 But he wanted toasked Jesus, "And who is my neighbou	
30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest	
_	ne came to the place

What Really Matters - Monday 9th June 2025 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37, NKJV

TODAY'S WORD: All of us have areas that we struggle in. We make mistakes and do things we know are wrong. We determine to not give in to a temptation again, but we do. We lose our temper, don't keep our word, let our guard down and compromise.

It's easy to go around feeling guilty, condemned, and beating ourselves up. Voices will whisper, "God's never going to bless you. You don't deserve it. You failed again. Just sit on the sidelines." We think that we have to have a perfect performance for God to bless us. "Once I overcome all these weaknesses that I'm struggling with, then I'll have God's favour. Then I'll feel good about myself." But God looks at your heart. He is not looking for people who have perfect behaviour, who never make a mistake. He's looking for people whose hearts are turned to loving Him. That means you may make mistakes, but deep down you have a desire to please and honour Him with your life. Your performance may not be perfect, but He sees your heart is right. It's your heart that matters.

PRAYER FOR TODAY: "Father, thank You that I can come to You with an open and willing heart. Search me and know me. I struggle and make mistakes, and there is so much I need to improve on in my character, but my heart is committed to loving You. Show Yourself strong in my life today. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Revd. S. Ayete Nyampong via WhatsApp

Refreshing Streams—Sunday 8th June 2025 You send fresh streams that spring up in the valleys, in the cracks between hills. Psalm 104:10.

Today's Word: In Psalm 23, David says that God is with us when we go through dark valleys. You may be in a valley right now fighting a battle in your health, in your finances, in a troubled relationship.

God knows how to cause refreshing streams to spring up in your valleys. He can turn that battle into a blessing. It wasn't sent to harm you; it was sent to increase you. You need to get ready.

It's not going to stay a valley of defeat. It's about to turn to a valley of victory. What you think is a valley of disappointment, loss, or heartache, God is going to turn into a valley of new beginnings and greater fulfilment. Or perhaps you're in a valley of sickness.

You could easily be discouraged and settle where you are. Take heart. It's going to turn into a valley of health and greater strength. God is with you in the valley. Just stay in faith, trusting that He knows what's best, and you can be certain He will send you refreshing streams. He will work it to your advantage.

Prayer For Today: "Father, thank You that You are with me in every dark valley that I walked through. Thank You that the valleys are only temporary and that I just need to walk in faith through it. I believe that where You lead me will take me to refreshing streams and restoration. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Cont... 33 But a Samaritan, as he came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii [c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of 37 The expert in the law , "The one who had mercy on him. "Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Use these words for the abovepassage; Bandaged; Expert; Happened Justify; Reimburse Replied; Robbers; Teacher; travelled, Your; Written **Ouestions on the Parable of the Good Samaritan**

- 1. What is a parable?
- 2. Why is Jesus telling the story?
- 3. Who got beaten up?
- 4. What is a good Samaritan?

Revd. S. Ayete Nyampong via WhatsApp.

Noticeboard

Prayer Meetings on zoom —Every 1st Saturday before Holy Communion on the Sunday of each month. Kindly contact Revd. Edwin if you are interested. Thank you.

For all meetings on Zoom kindly contact Revd. Edwin for the Identification (ID).

Calendar July 2025.

Fri—Mon 4th - 7th July URC General Assembly

Sat 5th —Prayer Meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on zoom

Sat 12th—EDC BBQ and Fellowship Day at Fetter Lane at 2 p.m. .

Sun. 20th —Quarterly Church Meeting, after service.

Sat. 26th July —Church outing to Leigh on Sea.

Mon. 28th July – Friday 1st Aug—Summer Camp—Bell Heath Centre, near Birmingham DY9 9UU

Calendar August 2025

Sat. 6th—Church Prayer Meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sat.16th from 2—5 p.m. —SKANLA Barbecue

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Still, in the midst of these challenges, we were blessed with a truly special visit. Last year, the President of the Czech Republic, Petr Pavel, came to Rwanda to commemorate 30 years since the Genocide. As part of his visit, he chose to stop by **Talking Through Art**. It was a proud moment for me — not only as someone who leads this project, but also as a Czech citizen who voted for him. His kindness and support meant a great deal to us.

We continue to welcome university students from the Czech Republic for internships, and in a couple of weeks, we'll be hosting a new one. It's always encouraging to see young people wanting to learn and help.

I often think of you all at Harlesden and hold you in my prayers. I hope to visit one day soon and share more in person about what God is doing through **Talking Through Art.**

In the meantime, you can follow our journey on Instagram, where we post weekly updates. I know it's more popular with the younger generation — so don't hesitate to ask your children or grandchildren to show you!

I miss you all dearly. If you feel moved to support our work, any donation would be deeply appreciated. Thank you for your continued love and prayers.

Blessings,
Yours,
Petr Kocnar, CEO and founder of TTA- Talking
Through Art
http://www.talkingthroughart.org/ https://
www.facebook.com/talkingthroughart

A Letter from Br. Petr Kocnar from Rwanda.

Thank you so much for your message. I miss you all very much! I am doing fine here in Rwanda. I was also visiting my family in Prague. I now have 2 nieces and 1 nephew. Let me send you a photo.

Here is an article for the church magazine. If there is anyone who would like to donate, please let me know, I still have a Lloyds bank account.

Much love and blessings Petr

Talking Through Art – An Update from Rwanda

Dear friends in Harlesden United Reformed and Moravian Church,

Warm greetings from Rwanda!

I wanted to share a little update about **Talking Through Art**, the organisation I lead here, which continues to support over 100 women with disabilities through the sale of handmade baskets. This past year has brought both challenges and moments of joy.

Tourism, which we rely on for sales, was significantly affected. A few months ago, there was an outbreak of the Marburg virus in Rwanda. Thankfully, it was quickly contained, but it scared off many tourists.

On top of that, the conflict in Eastern Congo – near our border – also made visitors hesitant to travel. To make things harder, we've had an unusually rainy season, which affected our work and livelihoods.

Noticeboard

Gift Aid: Are you a taxpayer? The one way that taxpayers can give more to the Church, without it costing them anything, is to Gift Aid their contributions, this is money that can be claimed back from the Inland Revenue and can make a difference to a congregations' income.

Therefore, if you are not already doing so, I would urge you to contact the treasurer and complete a Gift Aid Form.

The coronavirus Protocols

The coronavirus is still around. As a church we believe in looking after each other. The wearing of mask is optional. However, hand sanitizers are to be used frequently.

Thank you for maintaining the coronavirus protocols.

Children's Activity: We are thinking about running some children's activity during the year. If you have any ideas of the things we can do (either on-line or physical) please let the elders know or the minister.

Bible Study Notes - Wednesday 11 June 2025

2 Peter Ch 2 vv 10 to Ch 3

Introduction

We continue our study of 2 Peter. We are introduced to words such as celestial being, slanderous accusation, sinning, corruption to name a few.

- 1. What does the word slanderous accusation mean?
- 2. What does the word sinning mean?
- 3. What do you understand by the word scoffers?

Let us look at 2 Peter ch 2 vv 10 - 12

- 4. Who are the men not afraid to slander in vv 10?
- 5. What is verse 11 saying?
- 6. What is vv 12 about?

Let us look at 2 Peter ch 2 vv 13 - 16

- 7. What are verse 13 14 about?
- 8. What are verses 15 16 saying?

Let us look at 2 Peter ch 2 vv 17 - 19

- 9. What are verses 17 18 saying?
- 10. Let us look at 2 Peter ch 2 vv 20 22
- 11. How would you describe 20 21?
- 12. What does verse 22 mean?

Let us look at 2 Peter ch 3 vv 1 -7

- 13. Why are the letters of Peter written (see vv 1 & 2)?
- 14. What do you understand by vv 3 and 4?
- 15. What are verses 5 7 telling us?

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AT THE CHURCH ON SUNDAYS





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Let us look at 2 Peter ch 3 vv 8 -13

- 16. What is verse 8 about a thousand years?
- 17. What is verse 9 saying to you?
- 18. What is verse 10 saying?
- 19. What are verses 11 13 saying?

Let us look at 2 Peter ch 3 vv 14 -16

- 20. What is verse 14 telling us?
- 21. Who does Peter refer to in verse 15 and what is said about salvation?
- 22. What is verse 16 telling us?

Let us look at 2 Peter ch 3 vv 17 - 18

- 23. What is verses 17 about?
- 24. How can we grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord?
- 25. How can we encourage each other to grow?

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS 18/6/2025.

INTRODUCTION.

The book of James, also called a letter was written by James the brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55) and leader of the Jerusalem church. It was probably written about 40-45 AD to Jewish Christians living outside Palestine. It's grand theme is wisdom. Much like Proverbs in the Old Testament, James should be seen as an example of Jewish wisdom literature.

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Wisdom in traditional Jewish literature does not refer to intelligence in a strictly intellectual way but rather to upright living. This first chapter of the book of James sets the course for the rest of his letter to Christians worldwide. GOD wants us to trust Him more and more deeply as we expand our knowledge of Him.

This is so important to God, that He calls on us to find joy even in hard times; because hardship helps us to trust God more. In the first part of the chapter, James teaches us that we should have joy as we as we experience trials of many kinds (vs.2); because those trials test our faith and produce perseverance (vs.3) which then creates spiritual maturity.

QUESTIONS.

- 1. In James 1 vs. 2-4, how can someone realistically find joy in trials, especially when facing severe hardship or suffering?
- 2. James 1 vs.5, claims that God gives wisdom to all who ask; why then do many believers seek guidance and still struggle with unanswered prayers and confusion?
- 3. 3.In James 1 vs.6-8 is it truly possible for anyone to approach God without doubt, given human limitations and why is doubt destructive to faith?
 - 4. How do you interpret James 1 vs. 9-11?

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- 5. What is verse 12 saying to us?
- 6. James 1 vs 13 states God does not tempt any one, yet other passages e.g. Psalms 11 vs 4&5; Proverbs 17:3 and 1 Cor. 10:13 show God testing people. How can these be reconciled?
- 7. Is temptation from God, vs 13?
- 8. How does James 1 13-15 redefine the common understanding of temptation and sin?
- 9. What does James teach us in vs. 16-18 about the nature of God?
- 10. What sentiment is expressed concerning wrath in James 1 vs, 19-20?
- 11. What is the focal point of James 1:21?
- 12.In vs. 22 what does it mean to be a "Doer" and not just a "hearer" of the word?
- 13. What active steps can you take to be a "Doer" of the word in your everyday life.
- 14. What is the message of vs. 23-24?
- 15. What can we learn from vs 25 -26?
- 16. What is your understanding of "pure and undefiled religion" as described in James 27?
- 17. In your own life how have trials and tribulations strengthened your faith?
- 18. In what ways does the message of James 1 challenge your current understanding and practice of Christianity?

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