

THE BOOK OF JAMES

“They Will Obey Us”

Scripture Reading: JAMES 3:2-12

-) **SLIDES 1-6**. Bible Jeopardy!
-) **SLIDES 7-10**. Read today’s Scripture text.
-) **SLIDE 11**. Today we continue in our expository study in the Book of JAMES. This is week #18. I have titled today’s message *“They Will Obey Us”* (3:3).
-) We’re going to get to James in a minute here this morning. But first I want to present to you a few Scripture passages that I want to impress in our minds here today.
-) **SLIDE 12**. 1 COR 2:15-16. The Christian has the mind of Christ. That means the Christian will always have a Biblical worldview. That means the Christian stands on the Word of God. It’s not popular, but it is the way the Christian must think, act, and speak. Let’s keep this in mind.
-) **SLIDE 13**. 2 COR 6:14-17. Because the Christian has the mind of Christ, the Christian is called to be separate. The Christian is in a process of sanctification which means the Christian is becoming more like Christ and having the mind of Christ. The Christian is not called to be like the world.
-) OK. Do we got that? The Christian has the mind of Christ and is not to conform to this world. We may be in the world, but we are not to be of the world. OK? Stay with me.
-) **SLIDE 14**. Three weeks ago in my message, I said that teachers of the Word of God 1) must have the right qualifications to teach; 2) must have the right motives to teach; and 3) must teach the right (sound) doctrine. There will be a stricter judgment for those who teach the Word of God (3:1).

-) However, many of today's teachers, preachers, churches, and denominations have become soft. Why? Three reasons. 1) Because unqualified and uncalled people are filling pulpits and teaching positions. 2) Because people with greedy and selfish motives are filling pulpits and teaching positions. 3) Because false doctrine is running rampant from false teachers.
-) As a result, the church has become non-offensive. The church prefers to be like the world and be politically correct. False teachers along with itching ears have taken over the church.
-) And this leads to a church that is impotent at both the local level and denomination level. Instead of the church being a Biblical influence in the world, the world is influencing and even running the church today. As your pastor, I refuse to allow the world to influence this church.
-) The remainder of today's message may or will be offensive to some. But some things just need to be said. And if they're not said from here (the pulpit) as sound Biblical teaching, church people will never hear the truth and church people will never be a Biblical influence in this world. Instead, these "*church people*" will blend right in with the world. And that is not what the Christian is to do. We are called to be separate.
-) We would all agree that the moral compass of America is in the toilet. And it gets that way when the church fails to be the church—when people who claim to be born-again Christians fail to be a light in a dark world and salt to the unsaved. It gets that way when church people love the world more than they love the Word of God.
-) In JAMES 3:2-12, we are learning about the tongue and how such a small part of the body can have such a powerful impact in both a positive way and a negative way on others. And that would certainly be the context of this passage. We discussed this last week.

-) But this morning I want to put the shoe on the other foot. Today I want to look at the communicated word not by what we speak and others hear, but from the standpoint of what we (the church) hear by what others are speaking—and specifically what the world is speaking. And then tie all that in to what is happening in America today.
-) **SLIDE 15**. Have you ever heard this phrase, “*It is easier to deceive the masses, than to convince the masses that they have been deceived?*” Repeat. This is where we are today in our 21st century American church.
-) Folks, we live in a liberal-agenda society that wants to push their news, their views, and their opinions on all of us. This agenda wants to deceive the masses, and in particular the church, into believing their agenda and demanding we become a cooperative puppet to their agenda. They are saying “*they will obey us*” as their cry to power.
-) They don’t want a person to have Jesus Christ as their Savior. This agenda is demanding that they be our savior. They will save us. This agenda is anti-biblical and is a direct assault on the Word of God. And Satan loves it.
-) What better way for Satan to deceive the church than by watching the church buy into this liberal agenda and then the church promoting this liberal agenda as if it has Biblical authority because the church now condones and supports it.
-) Remember, Satan does not want to fight the church. He wants to join it. Let’s talk about some specific issues that this agenda wants us, the church, to buy into.
-) The liberal agenda want the masses to believe evolution. Evolution was not even thought of until Charles Darwin conjured it up in the late 1800s. And today it is taught as truth in all our school systems and shoved down our throats by the scientific community.

-) And those of us who believe the GENESIS creation account (a 6-literal-day creation) are laughed at for believing in a God-centered fairy tale.
-) Unfortunately, the masses have truly been deceived. And it is especially discouraging when the church shoves billions of years of evolution somewhere between GEN 1:1 and 1:24.
-) But this liberal agenda is not too concerned if a person believes one way or another concerning creation. Evolution is a small issue. So, they take their agenda to the next level.
-) Enter radical feminism. This branch of this liberal agenda is out to destroy the family unit. Why? Because the family unit is God-ordained. And they do not want anything God-ordained to be part of something they condone and support. And we can't have that! Let's wipe out anything and everything that has the slightest hint of Bible influence to it.
-) Two more high-profile moral issues that this liberal agenda wants the church to swallow. And, unfortunately, some have.
-) **SLIDE 16**. GENESIS 1:27. There are two genders. God kept it simple. Even a child knows the difference between a male and a female. Just pull down their pants and look.
-) And now we have a woman who was recently appointed as a supreme court judge who cannot answer the question, "*What is a woman?*" because she says she is not a biologist. I promise you this woman will fight for women's rights on the supreme court even though she cannot define a woman.
-) **SLIDE 17**. ROMANS 1:28. A depraved mind is one that is worthless and useless. That's where we're at folks.
-) **SLIDE 18**. Keep in mind, BGCC, that there is a movement out there aimed to destroy the God-ordained family unit. LGBTQ. GENESIS 19:4-5. Folks, the men of Sodom did not want to play a few hands of poker. We all know their sin and what God did to the city of Sodom because of that sin.

-) **SLIDE 19.** LEVITICUS 18:22. Personally, I find the idea of that sick. But that's OT.
-) **SLIDE 20.** 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10. The liberal agenda promotes the LGBTQ movement. Let's destroy the family unit.
-) Pride month.
-) I do not hate those who choose to lead an alternate lifestyle. It is not the unforgiveable sin. If you want to lead an alternate lifestyle, go right ahead. But do not force me (the church) by government legislation that I have to endorse and condone your sinful actions. Because I will follow this (Bible) before I will follow a godless agenda.
-) And may I warn you, BGCC, that if you stand against this LGBTQ movement, you are the hater. You are the one who does not understand modern times. Because you are the one who wants to believe some 2000-year-old fairytale book.
-) Listen. I understand the unsaved hating me and the position this church takes on LGTBQ. But when others who claim to be Christians hate me (us) for taking a stand against the LGTBQ movement, that's when I know they have been won over by the liberal agenda.
-) I find it unbelievable that there are Christians and Christian churches and even denominations that are pro-LGBTQ. Not here. Deceiving the masses. These churches have bought into this liberal anti-God agenda.
-) This agenda symbolically is now the rudder guiding the direction of these churches and now this agenda has these churches going whichever way this agenda wants them to go. And I assure you, it is not a godly direction.
-) **SLIDE 21.** PSALM 139:13-14. There are some who do not consider a fetus a human life. God does, so therefore I do too.
-) **SLIDE 22.** Abortion. EXODUS 20:13.

-) **SLIDE 23.** PROVERBS 6:16-19. Innocent blood. The safest place in the world should be in a mother's womb. Not no more.
-) I do not hate those who choose to perform or have abortions. It is not the unforgiveable sin. But do not force me (the church) by government legislation that I have to endorse and condone your sinful actions. Because I will follow this (Bible) before I will follow a godless agenda.
-) And may I warn you, BGCC, that if you stand against this pro-abortion movement, you are the hater. You are the one who does not understand modern times. Because you are the one who wants to believe some 2000-year-old fairytale book.
-) Listen. I understand the unsaved hating me and the position this church takes being pro-life. But when others who claim to be Christians hate me (us) for taking a stand against the pro-choice abortion movement, that's when I know they have been won over by the liberal agenda.
-) I find it unbelievable that there are Christians and Christian churches and even denominations that are pro-choice. Not here. Deceiving the masses. These churches have bought into this liberal anti-God agenda.
-) The organization ComfortCare Women's Health has told me there are churches who refuse to support their organization because CCWH is pro-life.
-) I know I often speak unfavorably about Catholic doctrine, but at least the Catholic Church got his issue correct. Nancy Pelosi claims to be Catholic. She is now refused to partake in Holy Communion in the Catholic diocese of San Francisco, her home town, because of her stand on abortion.
-) And now we have Roe vs Wade being put back into the spotlight with a possible reversal of abortion laws. Get ready for acts of violence to occur. The liberal agenda supporters are not as calm as the pro-life supporters.

-) This agenda symbolically has put bits in the mouths of these churches and now this agenda has these churches going whichever way this agenda wants them to go. And I assure you, it is not going in a godly direction.
-) **SLIDE 24.** I titled this message “*They Will Obey Us.*” And that is exactly what this agenda wants. They want power and they want to have control over me and you. And controlling the deceived masses (sheeple – people who are sheep) is easy. There’s just one obstacle in their way. The church.
-) So, let’s get the church on our side too. Let’s feed them with enough pressure that they will bend and break and be submissive to our liberal god-hating agenda.
-) **SLIDE 25.** So, how do churches fall so easily into the grasp of these liberal agendas? Simple. You get people in pulpits and in teaching positions within a church who 1) are not called and not qualified; 2) they have evil motives because they only want to satisfy their own self-serving desires; and 3) they proliferate false doctrine usually because that’s what itching ears want to hear. Let’s not make any waves in the church. Because we don’t want to feel any pressure from the world.
-) **SLIDE 26.** 1 COR 2:15-16. We have the mind of Christ. We have a Biblical worldview. We stand on the Word of God. It’s not popular and it will involve persecution.
-) **SLIDE 27.** 2 COR 6:14-17. Folks, I beg you please. Wake up. We are called to be separate.
-) **SLIDE 28.** JOHN 15:18-19. If you are not ready for the world to hate you, then maybe you’re not ready to be a Christian. Because when you stand for this, you will be hated.
-) **SLIDE 29.** “*It is easier to deceive the masses, than to convince the masses that they have been deceived.*” Me, you, and this church cannot and will not be deceived into supporting this liberal agenda that is being pushed onto us today.

) Remember ... the Christian has a Biblical worldview because the Christian has the mind of Christ and the Christian has been called to be separate. Get ready for the battle folks. It's coming. It's test time in America. Who is going to pass the test?

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