

Jms. 2:18-26

- I. Someone may claim that genuine faith is completely disconnected from works (18a-c)
 - A. But someone will say: (18a)
 - B. Faith is separate from works (18b-c)
 - 1. Pos: You have faith (18b)
 - 2. Neg: And I have works (18c)
- II. James connects faith and works that are the proper response of genuine faith (18d-26)
 - A. Genuine faith is accompanied and demonstrated by works (18d-e)
 - 1. Neg: Show me your faith without works (18d)
 - 2. Pos: And I will show you my faith from the works (18e)
 - B. Explanation of how faith is related to works (19-26)
 - 1. Faith is incomplete without works (19-25)
 - a. Neg: An inadequate understanding of faith's relation to works (19)
 - 1) Pos: Acknowledging the truth is good as far as it goes (19a-c)
 - a) You acknowledge the truth about God (19a-b)
 - (1) You believe that: (19a)
 - (2) God is One (19b)
 - b) You do well (19c)
 - 2) Neg: The demons acknowledge truth, but do not ascent to it (19d-e)
 - a) The demons also believe [this] (19d)
 - b) And they tremble [with fear] (19e)
 - b. Pos: The correct understanding of faith's relation to works (20-25)
 - 1) Don't you know that faith without works is useless? (20)
 - a) O empty [foolish] person, do you want to know that: (20a)
 - b) Faith without works is useless/unproductive? (20b)
 - 2) Two Old Testament Examples – Abraham and Rahab (21-25)
 - a) The example of Abraham, being vindicated by his works (21-24)
 - (1) Abraham was vindicated by his works in offering Isaac (21)
 - (a) Was not our father Abraham vindicated from works? (21a)
 - (b) Offering Isaac his son on the altar (21b)
 - (2) Faith and works work together to demonstrate genuine faith (22-24)
 - (a) His faith was shown by his works, as Scripture says (22-23)
 - (i) Know that his faith was accompanied by works (22)
 - ((a)) You see that: (22a)
 - ((b)) His faith was completed with his works (22b-c)
 - ((1)) Faith worked together with his works (22b)
 - ((2)) And faith was brought to completion from works (22c)
 - (ii) This fulfilled the Scripture about Abraham (23)

