

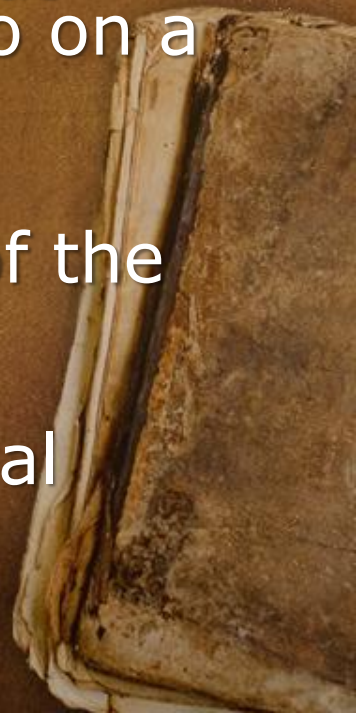
The Book of
JAMES

**Is Your Faith Alive
or Dead?**

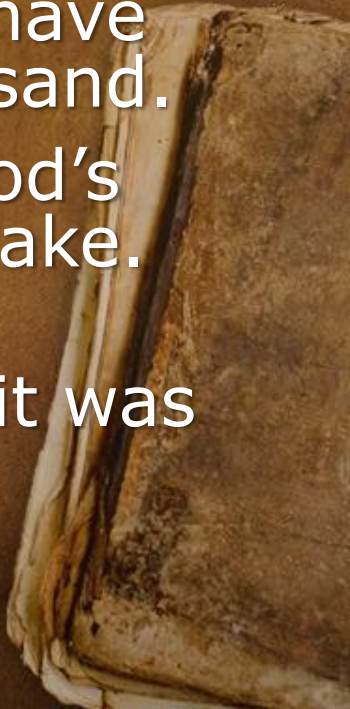
James 2:14-26

“Dead” Faith

- Genuine saving faith is more than just saying that you are a Christian.
- If we say that we are believers, then we ought to be moved with compassion for our brothers and sisters.
- The evidence of a relationship with Jesus Christ is manifested in the things we do on a daily basis.
- Works are the evidence of saving faith.
- Satan and his demonic host’s respect of the Bible is probably greater than yours or mine.
- Real faith must be made manifest in real works of righteousness.

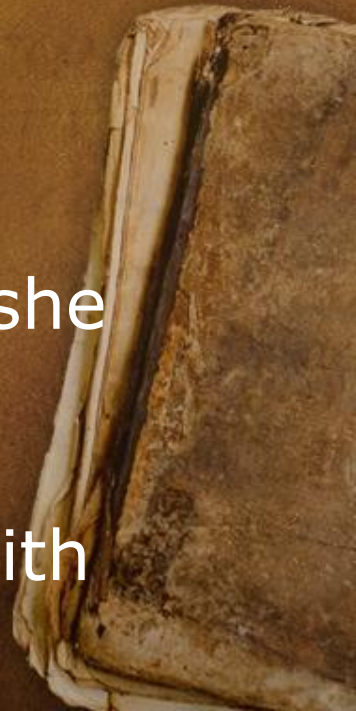


“Alive” Faith - Abraham

- Abraham was the father of the Jewish people and archetype of a life of righteousness before God.
 - Isaac was born when Abraham was 99 and Sarah was 90.
 - God promised Abraham that he would have descendants more numerous than the sand.
 - It was important that Abraham obey God's request because his salvation was at stake.
 - Abraham's belief was not merely a confession or an agreement with God: it was a lifestyle that affected the way he did almost everything.
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“Alive” Faith - Rahab

- James points out Rahab’s career, her relationship to the Jews, and her ministry.
- By welcoming the Jewish spies into her home, Rahab unwittingly became the great-great grandmother of David.
- Rahab not only sheltered the spies but helped them escape the city.
- Rahab became a part of God’s plan as she aided the spies in their reconnaissance mission.
- Rahab’s actions justified her and her faith before God.



Conclusion

- Being a Christian happens by God's grace as we trust in Christ to save us.
 - When we become God's handiwork, our motive for anything good that we do is a tribute of gratitude to Him for all that he has done for us.
 - We do good things because we love God and we want to thank Him for His generosity.
 - Faith without works is dead.
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