

Introduction

Review (Notes for messages 1-2 have greater detail than this review section):

A. 1:1 and 18: The Readers of James Are Dispersed Jewish Believers (Brethren of James)

... to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad. . . (cf. Acts 8:1)

B. 2:14ff: Addition model: Bike w/o rider. Similarly, unapplied faith goes nowhere.

C. 1:19-20: The Thematic Statement and Outline of the Book:

Let every man be **swift to hear**, **slow to speak**, **slow to wrath** (*theme*).

Prologue	Theme	Body				Epilogue
1:1-18 (death)	1:19-20	(1:21-5:6)				5:7-20 (death)
		Swift to Hear	Slow to speak	Slow to Wrath		
		1:21-27	2:1-13	2:14-26	3:1-18	4:1-5:6

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D. Testing addition model on 1:21-27; 2:1-13, and 2:14-16 (the swift-to-hear section):

1. Religious Devotion that Pleases God (1:21-27)

1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. . . **(ADD doing)**

2. Not Showing Improper Partiality (2:1-13)

2:1 My brethren, have not the faith. . . with respect of persons. **(+ doing)**

3. Applying Truths that (one who already is) a Christian Believes (2:14-26)

2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Faith cannot deliver him, can it? **(ADD doing)**

New Exposition

Do ones who are already Christians need deliverance (2:14b) that requires faith plus works?

1¹⁸ Of his own will begat he us [**James and his readers**] with the word of truth, that



we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.



1⁹ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. . .



2¹ Wherefore [**you**] lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and



[**you**] receive with meekness the engrafted word,



which is able to save your [**the brethrens'**] souls.

Believers need for God's word implanted to deliver them

1²¹ Wherefore [you] lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and [you] receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls (*psuchē*).

1. Note that James did not say that the word saved their souls.
2. Neither did he say that the word is able to save the unbeliever's souls, but that it is able to save these believers' souls.

Understanding "save the soul/life (*psuchē*)" (KJV NT often interchanges: = Strong's 5590).

Look up the noun: "life/lives" in Strong's. See how often it is 5590 (italic) in NT.

Acts 27¹⁰ And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives (*psuchē*).

Acts 27³⁷ We were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen (276) souls (*psuchē*).

Acts 27:43⁴³ But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose. . .

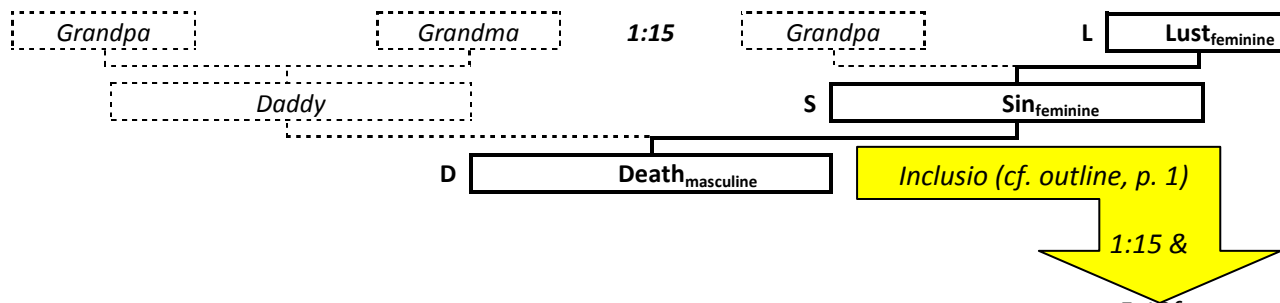
Acts 27^{44B} And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

The kind of saving their souls/lives had was to escape unto the land; No one drowned.

(Reminder of Point) James 1:21 tells these believers that their souls/lives need deliverance.

1:14-15: The deadly power of sin in believers' lives.

1¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 1¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 1¹⁵ Then when lust_{fem} hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin_{fem}, when it is finished [mature], bringeth forth death_{mas}.



5:19-20 Restoring brethren to fellowship can postpone death (save a soul—*psuchē*—from death)

1¹⁹ Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert [*return*] him; 2²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth [*returns*] the sinner from the error of his way shall save a [sinning believer's] soul (*psuchē*) from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

CONCLUSION