

JAMES

THE INTERSECTION OF FAITH & WORKS



SUNDAYS STARTING JULY 12
10:55AM IN W246/247
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- 7:5 "not even his brothers were believing in him"
- Mt 13:55 "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And his sisters are they not all with us?"
- At the cross Jesus asked JOHN to take care of his mother
- Early Church Fathers held James as the brother of Jesus

- Gal 1:18-19 18Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. 19But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.
- Acts 12:17 But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.
- Acts 21:18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.
- Acts 15 (Jerusalem Council)

- Jesus killed in 30/33
- Paul's conversation 33-35
- Paul begins missionary journey in 49
- Epistle of James 42-62 (45ish)

- Purpose of James' letter:
 - **"If one is following the Messiah, then one will live out the Messiah's ethic, and you'll do so in the Messiah's community"** -Dalrymple
 - Messiah's ethic: To live out the Torah
- James 2:8 Royal Law: You shall love your neighbor as yourself
 - Deuteronomy 6:4-8
 - Lev 19:18

James	teacheing	Matthew (SOM)
1:2	joy amid trials	5:10-12
1:4	exhortation to be perfect	5:48
1:5	asking God for good things	7:7-11
1:17	God the giver of good	7:11
1:20	against anger	5:22
1:22	hearers and doers of the word	7:24-27
2:5	poor inherit the kingdom	5:3, 5
2:10	keeping the whole Law	5:19
2:13	the merciful receive mercy	5:7
3:12	know them by their fruits	7:16
3:18	blessings of peacemakers	5:9
4:2-3	ask and you will receive	7:7-8
4:4	serving God vs. friendship w/ the world	6:24
4:9-10	consolation for mourners	5:4
4:11-12	against judging others	7:1-5
4:13-14	living for today	6:34
5:2-5	moth & rust spoiling earthly treasures	6:19
5:10	prophets as examples and patterns	5:12

- "Servant" language
- Moses (Num 12:7)
- David (1 Sam 19:4)
- Prophets (Amos 3:7; Jer 7:25; Is 20:3)
- Nation of Israel (Is 41:8)

- **"Twelve Tribes in the Dispersion"**
 - Mt 19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."
- 1 Pt 1:1 "To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia..."
- Christians as people who live in this world, apart from their true, heavenly, "homeland"

- "Brother" (1:16, 19; 2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10, 12; 4:11; 5:7, 9-10, 12, 19)
- "Trials"
 - David (Ps 13:1)
 - Isaiah (6:11)
 - Habakkuk (1:2)
 - The People of God who've been killed for their testimony (Rev 6:10)

- Types of Trials:
 - 1. **outward** trial or process of "testing" (1 Pt 4:12)
 - 2. **inner** enticement to sin "temptation/tempt" (1 Tim 6:9)
- James' audience:
 - 1. Poverty (1:9-11; 2:1-7; 2:15-17; 4:13-5:11)
 - 2. Religious persecution
 - 3. Rich people slandering the name of Christ, were exploiting the Christians (dragging into court)
 - 4. "Killing" the righteous by withholding wages from them

- *“the testing of your faith produces steadfastness”*
 - Rom 5:3-4 "...but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."
 - Cf. 1 Pt 1:6-7
- Revelation = overcome/conquer (νικᾶω) = 17 times (of 28 NT uses)

- **Wisdom:** is the quality needed if God's people are going to endure trials with fortitude and godliness
 - the capacity to understand and function accordingly: Wisdom that God imparts to those close to him
- Prov 2:6 "For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding"
- Mt 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

- *"Since we see that the Lord does not so require from us what is above our strength, but that he is ready to help us, provided we ask, let us, therefore, learn whenever he commands anything, to ask of him the power to perform it." -John Calvin*

- (who are the rich?):
 - 1. James is encouraging this brother to not take pride in his wealth, but in his identity in Christ
 - 2. The rich person is a non-Christian (the theme through the book)
- Lk 6:23-24 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- 16:19-31 (rich man/Lazarus die; cool my tongue with water)
- Oppressors of the People of God (Cf. Isa 5:14; Ja 2:1-6; 5:1-6)

- "...shame is a major part of the brokenness that low-income people experience in their relationship with themselves. Instead of seeing themselves as being created in the image of God, low-income people often feel they are inferior to others...the economically rich often have 'god-complexes,' a subtle and unconscious sense of superiority in which they believe that they have achieved their wealth through their own efforts and that they have been anointed to decide what is best for low-income people, whom they view as inferior to themselves." (Helping Hurts p. 61)

- **Trial/Persevere**

- Rev 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

- **Trials/Temptation:**

- Financial trials = question God's providence
- Death of loved one = question God's love
- Suffering of the righteous poor/ease of wicked rich = question God's justice/existence

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COULD IT BE...SATAN?!?!?!?!?

- Gen 3:14 ; 2 Cor 11:3
- The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.” But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
- Mt 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.
- Jn 17:15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
- Cf. 2 Cor 4:4; 1 Jn 2:13-14; Rev 12:9

- *"Christian maturity is not indicated by the infrequency of temptation but by the infrequency of succumbing to temptation"* - Moo

- The firstfruits are the beginning of God's new creation; God is redeeming creation:
- *"Poverty (both material/spiritual/etc) is rooted in broken relationships, so the solution to poverty is rooted in the power of Jesus' death and resurrection to put all things into right relationship again."* (Helping Hurts p. 73)

- Col 1:19-20 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
- Rm 8:11-25 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

- 2 Cor 5:18-20 18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
- *We are not the reconciler (Jesus is); our job is to move people closer to glorifying God by living in right relationship with God, with self, with others, and with the rest of creation. (Helping Hurts p. 74)*

- **Obedience to God involves:**
 - Word of God (1:21-23) (meekness)
 - Law (1:25; 2:8-12) (the demand of God's word)
 - Works (2:14, 17-18, 20-22, 24-26) (the practice of God's word/law)

- Prov 17:28 (cf. 10:19; 11:12-13; 13:3) Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.
- Sir 5:11-13 Be quick to hear, but deliberate in answering. If you know what to say, answer your neighbor; but if not, put your hand over your mouth.

- the righteous life
 - **righteousness** = the way things ought to be
 - **justice** = what needs to be done to restore/bring about righteousness
- Equivocation:
 - **Paul**: an activity of God by which he puts people in right relationship with himself.
 - **James**: should be read against the background of the OT and the teachings of Jesus: To do what God requires of His People

- **B. 1:21-27 Obedience to the Word Is the Mark of Genuine Christianity**
- **Theme:** Those who've experienced new birth (by means of God's word) must accept that word by doing it (having a lifestyle of obedience)

- Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (Cf. Ez 36:24-32)
- **Past/Present/Future Salvation**
 - Rom. 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**.
 - Eph. 2:8 For by grace **you have been saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God
 - 1Cor. 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to **us who are being saved** it is the power of God.

- **“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only!”**
- Romans 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

- **Jesus fulfills the Law** (didn't abolish it)
- Mt 5:17-20 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

- Three ways to obey the word
 - 1. controlling the tongue (1:19-20; 3:1-12; 4:11-12)
 - 2. concern for the "helpless" (2:1-13, 15-16; 5:1-6)
 - 3. avoidance of "worldliness" (4:4-10)
- ***True religion is when the People of God act consistently with God's character***
 - Micah 6:8 "...O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God"

- **concern for helpless people**

- Ex 22:22 21 “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 22 You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. 23 If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, 24 and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

- Deut 14:29 And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

- *"When the society disintegrates, when there is crime, poverty, and family breakdown, there is no shalom. However, when people share their resources with each other, and work together so that shared public services work, the environment is safe and beautiful, the schools educate, and the businesses flourish, then that community is experiencing social shalom. When people with advantages invest them in those who have fewer, the community experiences civic prosperity - or social shalom."* Keller (Justice)

- No Partiality
- Deut. 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.
- Levi 19:15-18 15“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor.

- **Partiality**

- 1. wearing a gold ring/fine clothes = upper-level Roman class
- 2. "shabby" = dirty/filthy/soiled
- *"When Christians show favoritism toward people in the Church they are claiming to do what only God can, which is to stand in judgment over others."* - Moo

- **God chose (*Kaleo*)**
- Hosea 2:23 “Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”
- Rom. 4:17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
- Rom. 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.
- 1Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

- "Keeping the royal law"
 - Shema (Deut 6:4-9)
- Jesus adds Lev 19 to the Great Commandment
 - do justice to the poor
 - **You can't say you love God if you don't love God's People**

- *"In obedience to their king, Jesus, Christians are to build among themselves a genuine counterculture, in which the values of the kingdom of God rather than the values of this world are lived out."* - Moo

- v 12 "the law of liberty" (NIV = law that gives freedom)
 - Love the Lord your God, Love your neighbor
- Judgment under the law of liberty is based on obedience:
 - Mt 25:31-46
 - 1 Jn 3:24 24Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

- What good is it?
 - faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead (v 17)
 - faith without deeds is useless (v 20)
 - faith without deeds is dead (v 26)

- Works:
- Paul's use (works of the law) = Jewish emphasis (works done in obedience to Torah as a response to God's election)
 - Cf. Gal 3:2, 5, 10; Rom 3:20, 28
- James' use (works) is general = actions done in obedience to God (and vindicating one's faith by their works)

- 1. The words of an uncaring believer who fails to act to help a person in need are as useless as...
- 2. The profession of faith of a believer who does not have deeds.
- *"So James doesn't contrast faith and works (like they're two alternative options in one's approach to God). He is contrasting a faith that (because it is inherently defective) produces no works, and a faith that (because it is genuine) does result in action." - Moo*

- Abraham 12:1-3, 7 (descendants of Abraham become the People of God)
- 1Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ... 7Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.
- Cf. Ps 105:6

- Gal 3:16, 28-29 16Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ... 28There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

- dikaiōo/justify = to denote God's initial judicial verdict of "innocence" pronounced over the sinner who trusts Jesus"
- **Different NT uses:**
 - 1. Paul uses "justify" to refer to how a person gets into relationship with God
 - 2. James uses it to describe what that relationship must look like to receive God's final approval.

- Jas 2:24: A person is justified **by works** and not by faith alone
- Rom 3:28: A person is justified **by faith** and not by works of the law

- *"faith is a dynamic, powerful force, through which the believer is intimately united with Christ, his Lord. And since faith is in a Lord, the need for obedience to follow from faith is part of the meaning of the word for Paul."*
- Moo

- Word Differences:

- **Paul:** the initial declaration of a sinner's innocence before God
- **James:** the ultimate verdict of innocence pronounced of a person at the last judgment

- *"That is the real proof that you believe your sins have been atoned for, and that you have truly been humbled by that knowledge and are now living a life submitted to God and shaped by knowledge of Him."* - Tim Keller (Justice)

- *"James is not arguing that works be 'added' to faith, but that one possess the right kind of faith, a 'faith that works'." -Moo*
- *"The faith that brings salvation brings works!" -Dalrymple*

- **Problem:**
 - 1. too many were seeking the status of teacher without necessary moral/intellectual qualities
 - 2. unfit teachers may have been the cause of many of the issues (for James' church):
 - partisan spirit (3:13-18)
 - quarreling (4:1)
 - unkind/critical speech (4:11)

- *"if 'blessing God' is one of the highest forms of speech, then 'cursing' those who are made in his image is one of the lowest." - Moo*
- *"only a renewed heart can produce pure speech; and consistently (though not perfectly) pure speech is to be the produce of the renewed heart." -Moo*

- Bad Conduct:
 - 1. These teachers are supposed to be making peace, but they're not.
 - 2. Good conduct: caring for the poor (widows/orphans/partiality/etc. Cf. chap 2)
 - 3. James is challenging people who think they have special understanding and insight into spiritual matters, so he can analyze their legitimacy.

- Good wisdom:
 - Humility (1:21)
 - Good works (2:14-26)
- *"it is our acts of obedience to God, performed consistently day after day, that make up the "good conduct" of the wise person."* - Moo

- OT Wisdom:
 - Prov 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
 - Prov 2:9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path
 - Prov 2:20 So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous.

- Jer 9:23-24 23 Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,
24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

- **Wisdom produces:**
- 1. Purity
- 2. Peaceable (peace loving)
- 3. Gentle (considerate)
- 4. Open to reason
- 5. Full of mercy and good works
- 6. Impartial
- 7. Sincere

- *"The person characterized by wisdom from heaven will be stable, trustworthy, transparent - the kind of person consistently displaying the virtues of wisdom and on whom one can rely for advice and counsel."* - Moo

- Mt 7:7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

- **The People of God are in a covenant/marriage relationship**

- Is 54:5-6 For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. 6For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

- Cf. Hosea (2:5-7)

- "Two-Age Model" (Cf. "Wisdom from above 3:15")
 - **The age to come** has been inaugurated in the life/resurrection of Christ
 - **The age to come** will be consummated at the return of Christ/ Judgment Day (Day of the LORD)
- Mt 12:32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in **this age or in the age to come.**
- Mk 10:30 (Lk 18:30); 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in **the age to come** eternal life
- John 18:36 "My kingdom is **not of this world.** If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But **my kingdom is not from the world.**"
- Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in **this age but also in the one to come.**

- **Imitating the world:**
 - 1. discriminating against people (2:1-13)
 - 2. speaking negatively of others (3:1-12)
 - 3. exhibiting 'bitter envy' and 'selfish ambition' (3:13-18)
 - 4. pursuing one's own destructive pleasures (4:1-3)

- **10 Imperatives (commands)**

- Submit to God
- Resist
- Draw
- Cleanse
- Purify
- Be wretched/miserable/lament
- Mourn
- Weep
- Let your laughter be turned to mourning/your joy to gloom
- Humble

- *"you can mourn now, turning sorrowfully from your sin so that you will have no occasion to mourn when the Lord returns."* -

Moo

- **God gives GRACE to the HUMBLE**
- 1. To recognize our own spiritual poverty (to align with the needy)
- 2. To acknowledge our desperate need of God's help
- 3. To submit to his commanding will for our lives.

- Criticizing Others
 - Lev 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.
- What does "humble-judgment" (loving judgment) look like?
 - **"GRACE, LOVE, COMPASSION"**

- *THERE IS ONLY ONE LAWGIVER AND JUDGE, the one who is able to save and destroy!* - Moo

- Prov 27:1 "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."

- The Rich?
 - 1. All the rich in this letter have seemed to be "non-Christians" (majority view: the prophets often address the pagan nations in their writings, even though they are preaching to God's People)
 - (Cf. 2:6, the rich oppress you and drag you into court).
 - 2. The entire book has been addressed to the church, and so why would this be any different?

- *"We must caution against a tendency for Western Christians (most of whom are "wealthy" in comparative terms) to dismiss as entirely irrelevant the teaching of a paragraph like this. We cannot overlook the fact that the "rich" and the "unrighteous" are so easily associated. Scripture warns that wealth can be a particularly strong obstacle to Christian discipleship."* (Cf. Mt 19:23) - Moo

- Mal 3:5 “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.
- Deut 24:14-15 14“ You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns. 15 You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the Lord, and you be guilty of sin.

- Parousia (coming)
 - "presence" = the arrival of a king/dignitary
- In Judgment:
 - 2 Pt 1:16
 - Mt 24:3
 - 1 Thes 4:13-18

- these last days?
- pouring out of the Spirit, the last days have been inaugurated (Cf. note on 4:4)
- Joel 2:28 (Cf. 2:1, 11, 27, 31, 32)
 - “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
- Acts 2:17-21 (Peter quoting Joel)

- Mt. 5:11-12 1“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- **Happy** = speaks to emotions (temporary)
- **Blessed** = the objective state of our relationship with God

- (Mt 5:33-37) 33“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall **not swear falsely**, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. **37Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’**; anything more than this comes from evil.

- "anoint with oil"
 - 1. Medicinal (used in the ancient world as medicine)
 - 2. Pastoral (outward/physical expression of concern)
- Consecrating of priests:
 - Ex 40:15 14You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them, 15and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests. And their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.”

- *"there is indeed an eternal death to which the way of sin leads, that we shall be motivated to deal with sin in our lives and in the lives of others."* - Moo

