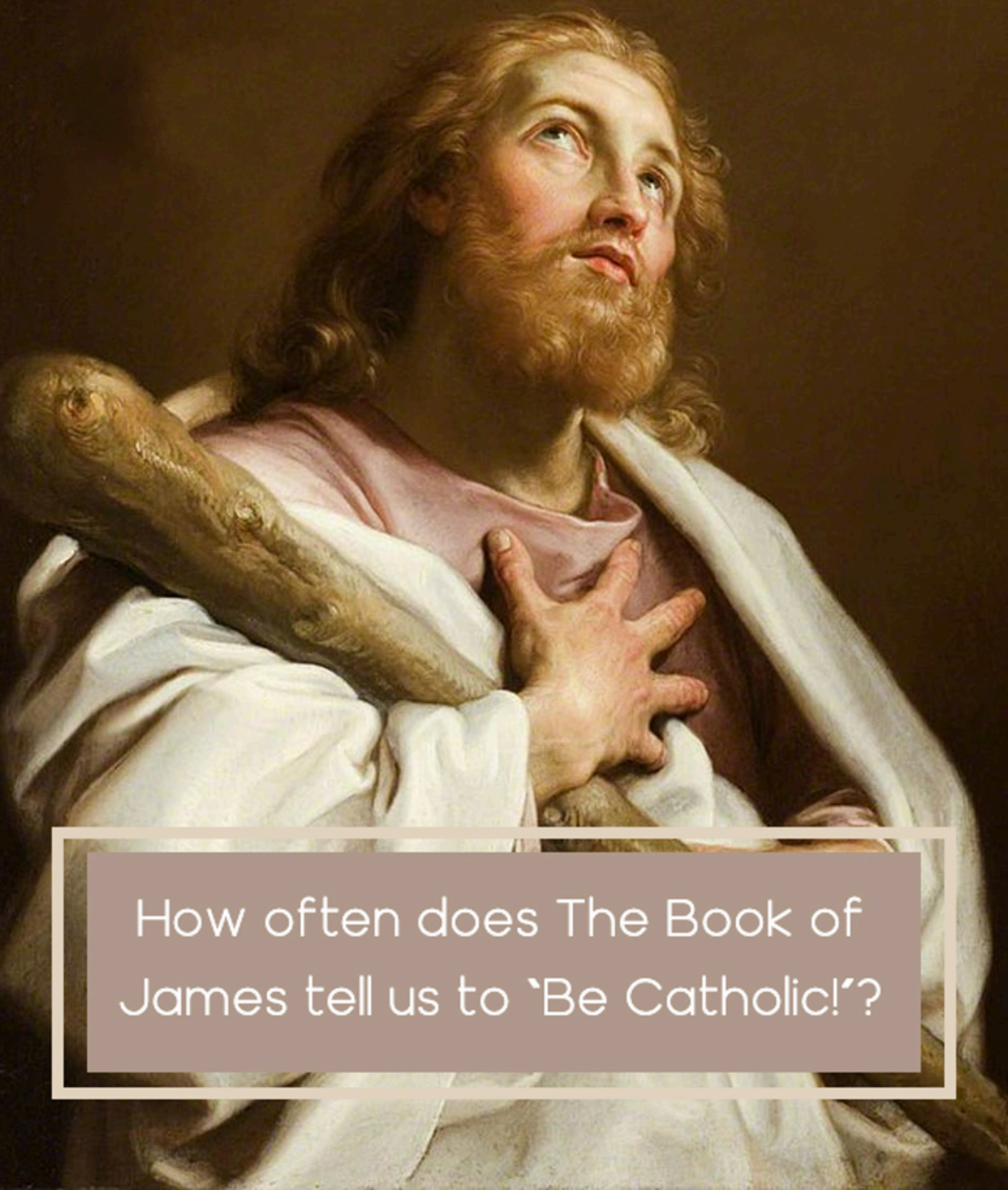


Saint James the Less Is More



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Foreword:

Why do we honor Jesus when we read the very short Book of James? Because Mark 3:14-19 tells us its author was *The Second Disciple* chosen by Jesus after Peter!

Should we consider a new way to align ourselves with Jesus? We may begin reading *The New Testament* with *1 and 2 Peter* and then read *The Book of James*.

The brilliance of James' writing becomes more apparent every time we read the five or six pages that record his profoundly Catholic thinking.

The Book of James packs a huge amount of information in a little over *five pages*.

James is one of the easiest Books to read and to understand. It is interspersed with simple questions.

What makes those questions so remarkable? Many are answered with a simple “*Yes.*” or “*No.*”

We may consider reading and re-reading verses from *The Book of St. James* every day for a few weeks. It is a stepping stone to other Books in The Bible. We will see how often it encourages us to “*Be Catholic!*”



I

THE BOOK OF SAINT JAMES

Question 1: “How often does The Book of James tell us to *‘Be Catholic!’*?”

Answer: “Start counting from the beginning:

1:1 *“Address and greetings: From James, servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Greetings to the twelve tribes of the Dispersion.

St. James, a Catholic Bishop Personally Ordained by Jesus, sets the Historical Scene by writing to all Twelve Tribes of Israel, including a few million from The Ten Northern Tribes who were taken *‘beyond the Euphrates’*. Many were pulled away by *‘hooks in their mouths’* around 720 BC by the Assyrians.

1:2-3 *‘My brothers, you will always have your trials but, when they come, try to treat them as a happy privilege; you understand that your faith is only put to the test to make you patient,’*

St. James teaches his fellow Catholics to see that our *‘tests of Faith’* are actually a *‘Happy Privilege’*!

1:4 *‘ . . . but patience too is to have its practical results so that you will become fully-developed and complete, with nothing missing.’*

James helps all who understand that simple sentence to have *‘nothing missing’* from what we need to get our soul into Heaven.

1:5 *'If there is any one of you who needs wisdom, he must ask God, Who gives to all freely and ungrudgingly; it will be given to him.'*

Catholics are blessed with enough 'wisdom' to ask God for the 'wisdom' to let us Think Clearly about *Every Word* of Jesus. Catholics ask God to let us obey *Every Word* of Jesus. Others do not.

1:6-7 *'But he must ask with faith, and no trace of doubt, because a person who has doubts is like the waves thrown up in the sea when the wind blows.'*

This is a brilliant analogy! Many 'waves' are popular fads created by 'waves' of public opinion. Those 'waves' are destroyed when the wind changes or when they run into solid ground. Every person driven by 'doubt' is a living 'wave' who is likewise destroyed.

1:8 *'That sort of person, in two minds, wavering between going different ways, must not expect that the Lord will give him anything.'*

Willful Protestants all choose to not follow 'this way' of Jesus Christ: *'And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.'*

If we let ourselves become 'waves' who are blown around by the winds of popular opinions, God will not give us 'anything'.

1:9 *'It is right for the poor brother to be proud of his high rank,'* The poor are right to be grateful to God for sparing them from 'waves' of greed and gluttony that wash many souls away.

1:10 *'and the rich one to be thankful that he has been humbled, because riches last no longer than the flowers in the grass;'* May all who are 'rich' use our assets to help others so we may have approval from the 'poor brothers'. They include Catholic priests and religious who take Vows of

Poverty, Celibacy, and Obedience. They far outrank those who are not 'rich' in God's Eternal Approval.

1:11 The symbolism is clear to every society. First, *"the scorching sun comes up and the grass withers"*. The "grass" symbolizes working people who provide the necessary food and products for life. When they "wither", then *"the flower falls"*. "Flowers" symbolize the wealthy who have prospered from the work of the "grass". The "grass" only "withers", but the "flowers" are doomed to "perish". God's justice is provided to all who cause "grass" to "wither".

1:12 *'Happy the man who stands firm when trials come. He has proved himself, and will win the prize of life, the crown that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.'*

The 'prize of life' is to receive *'the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven'*, which include The Seven Catholic Sacraments that are provided only by The Church Spoken Into Being by Jesus Christ, Himself. May we all be blessed to live and die in obedience to Every Word of God so our soul may have those 'keys'.

Question 2: "Does 'Temptation' come from God?"

Answer: "'Temptation' does **not** come from God!

1:13 *'Never, when you have been tempted, say, 'God sent the temptation'; God cannot be tempted to do anything wrong, and He does not tempt anybody.'* Any 'temptation' to disobey Any Word of Jesus comes from sinful desires that we allow to take root and grow within us. Sinful desires may be as tiny as electrons spinning in the wrong direction.

1:14 *'Everyone who is tempted is attracted and seduced by his own wrong desire.'* It is our fault if we let our minds and souls be corrupted by giving into sin and letting our thought- electrons spin out of control.

1:15 *'Then the desire conceives and gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it too has a child, and the child is death.'* Sin leads to mistakes. Those mistakes take form in 'death' that takes form in following generations. That

means '*death*' is the grandchild of sin! We see that in many families whose grandparents left The Catholic Church.

1:16-1:17: *'Make no mistake about this, my dear brothers: it is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given to us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with Him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change.'*

Of all the denominations, only The Catholic Church was specifically '*given*' to us by *The Father of all Light*'.

The first references to "*light*" are in Genesis. Another '*light*' blinded St. Paul in Acts 9:3.

Proof that there is '*no shadow of change*' in Catholic Teaching: The Church has made no '*alteration*' to This Pro-Life Teaching: '*Life must be protected from conception until natural death.*' Today, with billions of abortions, the truth of James 1:15 about '*death following sin*' is clearer than ever.

1:18 *'By His own choice He made us His children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that He had created.'*

We are Catholics because God chose us to be among '*His children*'! To be among them, The Power of God has actually changed the DNA within us to let us be among His '*children*'. St. James and the other First Catholics were blessed to have their DNA changed so they could be among the '*brothers*' of Jesus. They were blessed with the upgraded DNA that let them think clearly enough to obey Jesus before and after He Ascended into Heaven. We can trust St. James!"

Question 3: "How does being Catholic help us get our souls into Heaven?"

Answer: "James 1:19-20 tells us! *'Remember this, my dear brothers: be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to rouse your anger; God's righteousness is never served by man's anger;'*

When we become angry, we are as useless as a piece of steel that lost its '*temper*'. Every time we lose our '*temper*', we break under pressure! We cannot hold an edge!"

Question 4: “‘*Envy*’ drives many to become ‘*angry*’ at some of our neighbors. How do we keep our souls from being damaged by such sins?”

Answer: “1:21 tells us what to do! *‘so do away with all the impurities and bad habits that are still left in you. Accept and submit to The Word which has been planted in you and can save your souls.’*

Catholics focus our efforts on planting These Words of God from John 15:14 in our minds:! *‘You are My friends if you obey My commands.’* Catholics also strive to implant this ‘*soul-saving Word*’ from John 22:37-39 in our minds: *‘Love God and love your neighbor as yourself.’*”

Question 5: “What if we willfully disobey Words of God and give into our feelings and desires?”

Answer: “Look at James 1:22! *‘But you must do what The Word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.’*”

Simply ‘*listening*’ and talking about ‘*The Word*’ is worse than meaningless. It is ‘*deceiving ourselves*’! We must obey **The Word of He Who IS The Word!** If we disobey Any Word of The Word, we cannot be forever among: *‘You are My friends if you obey My commands.’*”

Question 6: “What happens if we hear Words of Jesus and willfully disobey them?”

Answer: “St. James is very clear about that in 1:23-24. *‘To listen to The Word and not obey is like looking at your own features in a mirror and then, after a quick look, going off and immediately forgetting what you looked like.’*

If we ‘*forget what we look like*’ we may assume that God does, too.“

Question 7: “What do we gain by ‘*obeying*’ God’s Words?”

Answer: “St. James tells us that greater obedience to Jesus lets us be ‘*happy*’ in 1:25. *‘But the man who looks steadily at the perfect law of*

freedom and makes that his habit – not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting it into practice – will be happy in all that he does.’

Again, we see ‘happy’ Catholics put The Great Church-Creating Word of Jesus Christ into ‘practice’! *‘And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys of The Kingdom of Heaven.’*“

St. James is clear! No one who willfully rejects those ‘keys’ can ever be ‘happy’!”

Question 8: “Does St. James tell us how to identify people who ‘deceive’ themselves?”

Answer: “1:26 *‘Nobody must imagine that he is religious while he still goes on deceiving himself and not keeping control over his tongue. Anyone who does this has the wrong idea of religion.’* People who talk too much always prefer ‘words’ to ‘obedience’!”

1:27 tells us what we should do instead of ‘talking all the time’! *‘Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.’*



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Question 9: “How do Catholics remove ‘*contamination from the world*’?”

Answer: ‘*Absolution*’ from priests empowered by being Ordained in Living Link with The First Catholic Bishops lets us receive This Blessing described in John 20:23: “*Those whose sins you forgive on earth are forgiven in Heaven.*”

Jesus blesses Catholics to rise above disobeying “*parts of The Law*”, and provides forgiveness when we do. Sadly, The Profiteers of Protestantism praise many to only consider “*parts of the law*” that are approved selling points in their Marketing Plans.

Question 10: “What else does St. James tell us to do?”

Answer: “Chapter 2 begins with his blessed advice! ‘*My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people.*’”

Question 11: “What ‘*distinctions*’ does St. James tell us to avoid?”

Answer: “He tells us to respect poor people as much as rich people! ‘*Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’*”

We see that in Calvin's view, the '*different distinctions*' became an important part of his vain Marketing Plans. The '*rich*' were judged to be among God's '*elect*', and given every sort of praise and status. That did not work out well! For the past 500 years, Calvinist denominations continue to shrink as the results of their error brings '*death*' to following generations who have lost the '*faith*' to '*be fruitful and multiply*'.

Question 12: "What do we tell God about ourselves when we treat '*the rich*' better than we treat '*the poor*'?"

Answer: "We have become '*corrupt judges*'! '*Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?*'"

Question 13: "Why is it wrong to disrespect the poor?"

Answer: "St. James tells us in 2:5 how much more God loves the poor than the rich! '*Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him.*' We may want to read that sentence far more than once or twice!!

Then, St. James tells us how unclearly we think when we respect '*the rich*' more than '*the poor*'! '*In spite of this, you have no respect for anybody who is poor.*' Many do not see that to be '*heirs*', the DNA must be altered to let a person be an actual '*child of God*'!

St. James asks us some simple '*Yes*' or '*No*' Questions in 2:6-8:

1. *Isn't it always the rich who are against you?* (We know the right answer is '*Yes*'.)
2. *Isn't it always their doing when you are dragged before the court?* (The right answer is '*Yes*'.) Catholics see that it is the '*rich*', or those who want to be, who are always greedy to take the assets of others for themselves and will use '*courts*' that they influence to help them do so."

3. The Apostle is clear about a greater evil of the *'rich' with his Third Question: 'Aren't they the ones who insult the honorable name to which you have been dedicated?'* (Once again, the right answer is *'Yes.'*)

Question 14: "What does James tell us to do after we answer his questions correctly?"

Answer: "In 2:8-9, St. James identifies the *'The Supreme Law of Scripture'* that every Catholic strives to obey! *'Well, the right thing to do is to keep The Supreme Law of Scripture: you must love your neighbor as yourself; but as soon as you make distinctions between classes of people, you are committing sin, and under condemnation for breaking the Law.'*"

Question 15: "How do we avoid being *'condemned'* for *'breaking'* God's *'Law'*?"

Answer: "James 2:10-11 tells us! *'You see, if a man keeps the whole of the Law, except for one small point at which he fails, he is still guilty of breaking it all. It was the same person who said, 'You must not commit adultery' and 'You must not kill'. Now if you commit murder, you do not have to commit adultery as well to become a breaker of the Law.'*"

We are reminded, yet again, that only Catholics are blessed to obey *'the whole of The Law'* given to us by This Word of Jesus. We are in His Church, and get the only *"keys to The Kingdom of Heaven"* that He died to leave on earth:

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys of The Kingdom of Heaven."

Faith Without Works shows that we love our neighbors more than ourselves. That leads many souls to an awful end.

Question 16: "Does The Book of James tell us how to spend our lives?"

Answer: “James 2:12-13 tells us that we will be judged by how we chose to use our Free Will! *‘Talk and behave like people who are going to be judged by the law of freedom, because there will be judgment without mercy for those who have not been merciful themselves; but the merciful need have no fear of judgment.’*”

Question 17: “Does St. James tell us how to use our Free Will so that our immortal soul be forever found among the ‘merciful’?”

Answer: “This is The Test of Free Will that proves *‘Faith without Works is dead’!*

2:14-17: *‘Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him?’*

Another simple question with a simple answer: ‘No’!

If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, ‘I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty’, without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that?

Another simple question with a simple answer: “No good at all,”

Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.’

Each one of us is as alive, or as ‘dead’, as as our ‘works’ show.”

Question 18: “How can Catholics explain the importance of good ‘works’?”

Answer: “James 2:18 helps us remind ourselves and our beloved neighbors of This Bible Teaching! *‘You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.’*”

Question 19: “Is there any ‘*good work*’ we can do that is more important than obeying This Word of Jesus, being in His Church, and getting His ‘*keys to The Kingdom of Heaven*’?”

‘*And I say unto you thou art Peter and on This Rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.*’?”

Answer: “That is the most important ‘*work*’ that anyone may blessed to do.”
“Belief is not enough! Even ‘*demons*’ are smart enough to ‘*believe*’ in God and ‘*tremble in fear*’!”

Question 20: “Where does The Bible tell us that ‘*demons*’ *believe in God*’?”

Answer: James, 2:19 answers that question and tells those who are merely ‘*believers*’ that they are dumber than ‘*demons*’! ‘*You believe in the one God. That is credible enough, but the demons have the same belief, and they tremble with fear.*’”

Question 21: “What are demons smart enough to be afraid of?”

Answer: “The ‘*demons tremble with fear*’ because they know what’s going to happen to them! They ‘*fear*’ being punished forever by the souls they keep from obeying This Word of Jesus and having His ‘*keys to The Kingdom of Heaven*’! Catholics can’t stop relating *This Word* of Jesus to nearly everything in Creation:

‘*And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.*’”

Question 22: “Does St. James tell us how to be smarter than ‘*demons*’?”

Answer: “James tells us we can outsmart the demons by giving us a Direct Order!: ‘*Do realize, you senseless man, that faith without good deeds is useless.*’”

2:21 tells us how important good deeds are! *‘You surely know that Abraham our father was justified by his deed, because he offered his son Isaac on the altar?’*”

2:22 explains why God loved our ancestor, Abraham! *‘There you see it: faith and deeds were working together; his faith became perfect by what he did.’*”

2:23 *‘This is what scripture really means when it says: Abraham put his faith in God, and this was counted as making him justified; and that is why he was called ‘the friend of God’.* Jesus repeats That Word of God’s Wisdom in John 20:23: *‘You are My friends if you obey My commands.’*”

2:24 *‘You see now that it is by doing something good, and not only by believing, that a man is justified.’* May we all see how important it is to be *‘doing good works’!*’

Question 23: “Did St. James tell us that *‘good works’* could save a sinful soul?”

Answer: “James 2:25 gives an amazing example that the worst of worldly people may follow! *‘Rahab the prostitute, justified by her deeds because she welcomed the messengers (from God) and showed them a different way to leave.’*”

Question 24: “What do we learn from Holy Abraham and Rahab, *‘the prostitute’*?”

Answer: “We understand why it is best to be Catholic! James, 2:26: *‘A body dies when it is separated from the spirit, and in the same way faith is dead if it is separated from good ‘deeds’.*”



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Question 25: “What more does anyone need to know to *‘Be Catholic!’*?”

Answer: “May we keep quiet enough to keep our faith *‘alive’* by *doing ‘good deeds’*!”

Question 26: “Why did James tell us that only a few of us should be *‘teachers’* in 3:1: *‘Only a few of you, my brothers, should be teachers, bearing in mind that those of us who teach can expect a stricter judgment.’*”

Answer: “Only a *‘few’* are able to keep their *‘tongue’* under control. Many *‘teachers’* let evil spirits of vanity lead us to encourage self-serving beliefs that benefit us.

James 3:2 makes that clear! *‘After all, every one of us does something wrong, over and over again; the only man who could reach perfection would be someone who never said anything wrong – he would be able to control every part of himself.’*”

Question 27: “Why do we have a hard time controlling the *‘words’* our *‘tongue’* speaks?”

Answer: “The nerves that move the muscles in our *‘tongue’* are connected to many demons in our mind! Demons fight with our Guardian Angel and each other to get our *‘tongue’* to say what *they* want. We bring our *‘tongue’* under control so it cannot be used to give voice to encourage demonic desires. St. James tells us how important that is!

3:3 *‘Once we put a bit into the horse’s mouth, to make it do what we want, we have the whole animal under our control.’*

Then, James shares another profound understanding of the power of a *teacher’s* words:

3:4 *‘Or think of ships: no matter how big they are, even if a gale is driving them, the man at the helm can steer them anywhere he likes by controlling a tiny rudder.’*

Question 28: “Do most of us use our *‘tongue’* to tell others how wonderful we are?”

Answer: “St. James makes it clear! Almost every word we speak is designed to let people know how smart and good we are!

James 3:5-7 describes what tongue-controlling demons want us to say: *‘So is the tongue only a tiny part of the body, but it can proudly claim that it does great things. Think how small a flame can set fire to a huge forest; the tongue is a flame like that.’ ‘tongues burn up’ many souls!*”

Question 29: “Why is bringing our *‘tongue’* under control the most important thing we can do?”

Answer: “*‘Among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a whole wicked world in itself: it infects the whole body; catching fire itself from hell, it sets fire to the whole wheel of creation.’*

The tongue connects to the parts of the mind where tribes of demons live. Demons use human *‘tongues’* to give voice to their destructive desires.”

Question 30: “Why can’t we *‘tame our tongue’*, knowing that *‘Wild animals and birds, reptiles and fish can all be tamed by man, and often are;’*

Answer: “The rest of 3:8 answers that! *‘but nobody can tame the tongue – it is a pest that will not keep still, full of deadly poison.’*”

Question 31: “What is that ‘*poison*’?”

Answer: “That ‘*poison*’ of the soul is every word of the devil and his demons that keeps us from obeying This Word of Jesus, being in His Church, and getting His ‘*keys to The Kingdom of Heaven*’:

‘And I say unto you, thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.’”

Question 32: “What is The Great Confusion in our mind that is shown by ‘*words*’ from our ‘*tongue*’?”

Answer: “James 3:9-10 describes *The Great Confusion* that Catholics pray to avoid! *‘We use our tongue to bless the Lord and Father, but we also use it to curse men who are made in God’s image: the blessing and the curse come out of the same mouth. My brothers, this must be wrong.’”*

The next two Verses show *The Great Confusion* in every human mind with two more ‘*Yes.*’ or ‘*No.*’ Questions:

3:11 *‘does any water supply give a flow of fresh water and salt water out of the same pipe?’*

3:12 *‘Can a fig tree give you olives, my brothers, or a vine give figs? No more can sea water give you fresh water.’”*

Question 33: “How can we see the difference between *Real Wisdom* and *The Great Confusion*?”

Answer: “St. James tells us in the next verse, James 3:13! *‘If there are any wise or learned men among you, let them show it by their good lives, with humility and wisdom in their actions.’*

Then, James gives advice that all should heed:

3:14-15 ” *‘But if at heart you have the bitterness of jealousy, or a self-seeking ambition, never make any claims for yourself or cover up the truth with lies - principles of this kind are not the wisdom that comes down from above: they are only earthly, animal, and devilish.’*”

Question 34: “How can God’s Wisdom keep us from The Great Confusion that turns people into *‘earthly, devilish animals’*?”

Answer: “St. James 3:16 answers That Important Question! *‘Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done’*”

Question 35: Do *‘jealousy’* plus *‘ambition’* let the Seven Deadly Sins of *‘pride, envy, greed, gluttony, anger, lust, and sloth’* gain power over human minds?

Answer: “All Seven Deadly Sins take form in *‘jealousy’* plus *‘ambition’*! That soul-devouring confusion keeps God’s Wisdom from curing billions of minds from *The Great Confusion.*”

Question 36: “How do we know if we are being driven into The Great Confusion by *‘jealousy’* and *‘ambition’*?”

Answer: “James tells us in the 17th verse of Chapter 3. *‘whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.’*

Every person is blessed with the ability to tell the difference between *‘peace, kindness, consideration, and compassion’* and their opposites! Every person may choose to be *‘doing good’* and valuing truth more than *‘partiality’* and *‘hypocrisy’*.”

Willful Protestants combine *‘partiality’*; and *‘hypocrisy’* every time they ignore The Church-Creating Word of Jesus: *‘And I say unto you thou art*

Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.”



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Question 37: “Should every person on earth share one goal?”

Answer: “If we want Jesus to admit our souls into Heaven, we will be among those described in James 3:18!

‘Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.’

God’s Word is telling us what every Catholic knows! It is necessary to *‘work for peace’*! It is necessary to *‘sow the seeds’* if we want our lives to *‘bear fruit in holiness’* that will let our souls be pleasing to God

at our Judgment. The *‘seeds’* we sow are *‘God’s Words’*.”

What a blessing to be Catholic and be saved from all that is *‘earthly, animal, and devilish’* by obeying The Church-Creating Word of Jesus Christ, being in His Church, and getting His *‘keys to The Kingdom of Heaven’*!

We see more times *The Book of James* tells us to *“Be Catholic!”*

Question 38: “Does *The Book of James* tell us that Christians should stop fighting with each other?”

Answer: “The First Verse of Chapter 4 answers that by asking us two more questions!

1. *‘Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start?’*

St. James answers that with another question that has one answer:

2. *‘Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves?’”*

The answer to That Question is ‘**Yes!**’”

Question 39: “What causes ‘the desires fighting within our own selves’?”

Answer: “The next verses explain that ‘*Godless envy*’ drives us! ‘*You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; ”*

“Question 40: “Why aren’t many prayers answered?”

Answer: “St. James is clear! ‘*when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires. ”*

Question 41: “How does St. James describe those with ‘*desires*’ to avoid The Church Spoken Into Being by This Word of Jesus: ‘*And I say unto you thou art Peter and on This Rock I build My Church. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven. ”*’?”

Answer: “James describes those Willful Protestants in Verse 4! ‘*You are as unfaithful as adulterous spouses. ’!*

Then, he asks every person on earth one of The Most Profound Questions in History with this ‘*Yes. ’* or ‘*No. ’* Question!

‘*Don’t you realize that making the world your friend is making God your enemy?’*

He answers That Question with This Profound Catholic Answer that goes beyond ‘*Yes. ’* or ‘*No. ’*’: ‘*Anyone who chooses the world for his friend turns himself into God’s enemy. ”*

Question 42: “How does that relate to Willful Protestants who choose to avoid The Only Church Spoken Into Being by Words of Jesus?

Answer: “St James answers more completely with *another* question in Verse 5!

‘Surely you don’t think Scripture is wrong when it says: The Holy Spirit Which He sent to live in us wants us for Himself alone?’

Question 43: “Is that the connection St. James makes between some Willful Protestants and *‘adulterous spouses’*?”

Answer: “Yes. Then, he tells us how God has blessed us Catholics: *‘But he has been even more generous to us, as Scripture says: God opposes the proud but He gives generously to the humble.’*

Only the *‘humble’* are blessed with the specific *‘keys to The Kingdom of Heaven’* that Jesus left on earth to His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. They include The Seven Catholic Sacraments”

Question 44: “Does St. James teach us what to do when we are faced with the temptation to avoid His Church?”

Answer: “*‘Give in to God, then; resist the devil, and he will run away from you.’*”

Question 45: “Where will the devil *‘run’*?”

Answer: “The devil always *‘runs’* into the minds of those who will not *‘resist’* his lust for souls he can lead to disobey *Any Word* of Jesus Christ!” James tells us to *never argue* with Any Word provided by The Father **or** The Son **or** The Holy Spirit.”

Question 46: “Does The Book of James always tell us to *‘Be Catholic!’*?”

Answer: “Look what we find in James 4:8! *‘The nearer you go to God, the nearer He will come to you. Clean your hands, you sinners, and clear your minds, you waverers.’*”

Question 47: “How does that tell us to *‘Be Catholic!’*?”

Answer: “St. James has identified a new kind of sin: *‘wavering’*! Both *‘sinners’* and *‘waverers’* may most meaningfully *‘clear their mind’* by not *‘wavering’* from This Word, Church, and *‘keys to The Kingdom of Heaven’* Spoken Into Being by God’s Son!
‘And I say unto you, thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.’”

Question 48: “What should we do when we realize that *‘sinning’* and *‘wavering’* keeps our minds and souls from being *‘nearer to God’*?”

Answer: “James 4:9 tells us what to do! *‘Look at your wretched condition, and weep for it in misery; be miserable instead of laughing, gloomy instead of happy.’*

There is no more *‘wretched and miserable condition’* than to know we have willfully rejected God’s earthly *‘keys to The Kingdom of Heaven’* for our immortal soul!”

Question 49: “How can we stop living in that *‘wretched and miserable condition’*?”

Answer: “James 4:10 tells us what to do! *‘Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.’*”

Question 50: “What do we need to do to *‘humble ourselves before The Lord’* so that *‘He will lift us up’*?”

Answer: “First, stop *‘wavering’*! Then, Catholics focus on loving our neighbors! *‘Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who slanders a brother, or condemns him, is speaking against the Law and condemning the Law.’*”

Question 51: “What happens to us if we insult God and ‘*condemn the Law*’?”

Answer: “We have broken His First Commandment! We have put our opinions ‘*before God*’! James is clear: ‘*But if you condemn the Law, you have stopped keeping it and become a judge over it.*’ There is no greater vanity!”

Question 52: “Do we show our humble love for God by gratefully obeying ‘*His Law*’ instead of ‘becoming a judge over it’?”

Answer: “James 4:12 is clear! ‘*There is only one lawgiver and He is the only judge and has the power to acquit or to sentence.*’

Then, St. James asks one more simple ‘Yes.’ or ‘No.’ Question! ‘*Who are you to give a verdict on your neighbor?*’

We insult God by thinking **we** can ‘*judge His Law*’ **and** ‘*our neighbors*’”

Question 53: “If we give a ‘*verdict on our neighbor*’, what will our ‘*sentence*’ be?”

Answer: “May all be blessed to ‘*clear our minds*’ about that enough to Be Catholic, receive God’s *Absolution* from a Catholic priest and avoid being given that ‘*sentence*’!”

Question 54: “Does St. James tell us how to guide our efforts on earth?”

Answer: “In Verse 13 of Chapter 4, St. James describes worldly thoughts and desires in one sentence!

‘Here is the answer for those of you who talk like this: ‘Today or tomorrow, we are off to this or that town; we are going to spend a year there, trading, and make some money.’”

Question 55: “That one sentence does describe the self-centered plans we make for our future. What is wrong with such goals and desires?”

Answer: “St. James tells us to *Think Clearly* about how helpless we are! ‘*You never know what will happen tomorrow: . . .*’

Then, St. James brilliantly describes who and what we are more clearly than almost anyone: ‘**You** are no more than a mist that is here for a little while and then disappears.’”

Question 56: “Are we to give up our earthly desires for fame and fortune?”

Answer: “Verse 15 helps us put ourselves in perspective! ‘*The most you should ever say is: ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we shall still be alive to do this or that.*’”

Question 57: “Why is that ‘*the most we should ever say*’?”

Answer: “Recognizing The Living Power of The Living God puts our goals in perspective. When we guide our thoughts, words, and deeds by Teachings of Jesus and His Church, we are more pleasing to Him.”

Question 58: “What if we do not want to guide our thoughts, words, and deeds with This Word of Jesus? ‘*And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.*’?”

Answer: “Read Verse 14 again! St. James tells each of us to *Think Clearly* about our lack of control over our life and the world in which we live.

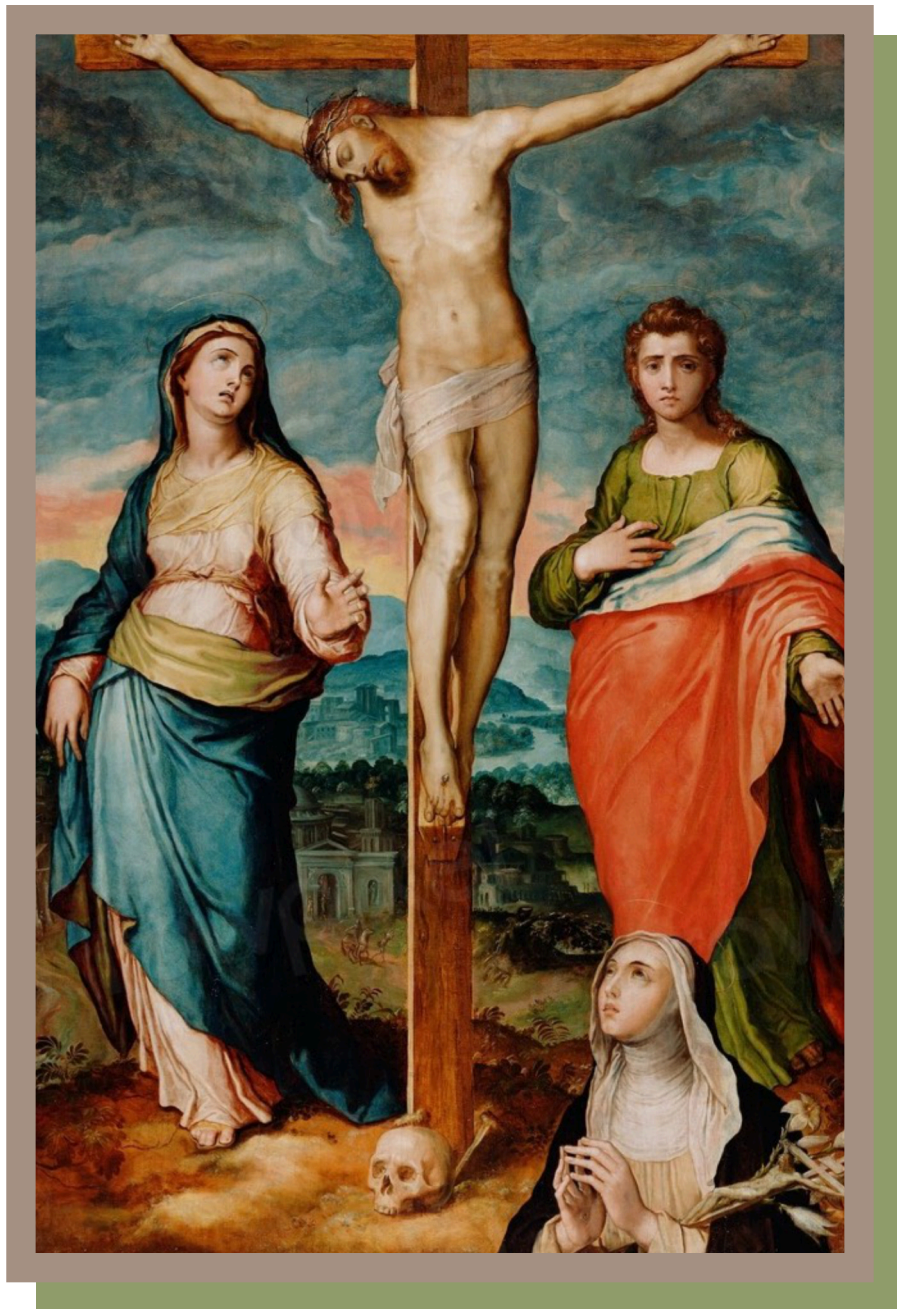
‘*You never know what will happen tomorrow: you are no more than a mist that is here for a little while and then disappears.*’”

Question 59: “The ‘*mist*’ that is our mind and body will disappear. Our soul will live forever. How can we make our soul be pleasing to He Who will Judge it?”

Answer: “Read James 4:15 again! It is God’s Guide to each of us as we go through life! The most you should ever say is: *‘If it is the Lord’s will, we shall still be alive to do this or that.’*”

Question 60: “What if we live without recognizing that God’s Judgment could come upon us at any time?”

Answer: “The vanity of Willful Protestantism is clearly described in 4:16! *‘But how proud and sure of yourselves you are now! Pride of this kind is always wicked.’*”



IV

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Question 61: “What are the results of letting ‘*wicked pride*’ rule our lives?”

Answer: “James 4:17 is clear! ‘Everyone who knows what is the right thing to do and doesn’t do it commits a sin.’”

‘*the right thing to do*’ is to ‘*Be Catholic!*’ so that our soul does not go to His Judgment corroded by ‘*wicked pride*’.”

Question 62: “Does The Book of James warn us about the dangers of being ‘*rich*’?”

Answer: “Yes! James, 5:1-6 lets see what many rich people are doing to their own souls! ‘*Now, an answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you.*’

The richer we are, the more we need Absolution from Catholic priests. They are the only people on earth given This Power by Jesus Christ!’ *Those whose sins you forgive on earth are forgiven in Heaven.*’ That Passage John 20:23 connects directly to James 5:1-6!)

Question 63: “What ‘*miseries*’ are coming to ‘*the rich*’?”

Answer: “The earthly ‘*misery*’ they face is: ‘*Your wealth is all rotting, ‘your clothes are all eaten up by moths.*’ Every status symbol in which they hide themselves is a target of those who want them. ‘*All your gold and your silver are corroding away, . . .*’”

Question 64: “Do rich people suffer more ‘*miseries*’ at God’s Judgment?”

Answer: James 5:3 tells about the eternal punishment for illicit wealth! *‘and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days.’*

Catholics know: Silver and gold ‘*corrode*’ very slowly! James has given us a clear indication of the very long time of suffering that the arrogant ‘*rich*’ must face.”

Question 65: “Which rich people will suffer?”

Answer: “Those who gained wealth by hurting their neighbors! *‘Laborers mowed your fields, and you cheated them; listen to the wages that you kept back and are calling out (to God); realize that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of The Lord of Hosts.’*

Those ‘*cries*’ take eternal form in hell as tormenting demons.”

Question 66: “Does The Book of James tell us which ‘*rich*’ people will forever suffer the agony of hell?”

Answer: “James 5:5-6 makes that clear! *‘On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart’s content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.’*

Catholics are protected from that everlasting agony by following This Catholic Teaching: *‘Life must be protected from conception until natural death.’*”

Question 67: “Has there ever been a greater ‘*time of slaughter*’ when billions of the poorest and most ‘*innocent*’ unborn children have been killed by those living in ‘*comfort*’ and ‘*luxury*’?”

Answer: “May we all plead with God that the ‘*rich*’ will stop ‘*condemning and killing the innocent who offered no resistance.*’”

Question 68: “Do those Teachings in The Book of James tell us to ‘*Be Catholic!*’?”

Answer: “If we do not ‘*waver*’, we will be Catholic until our soul goes to Judgment. St. James tells Catholics: Our ‘*patience*’ must become “*endurance*” as we carry His Word into the world.

Question 69: “What does St. James teach every Catholic to do?”

Answer: “For 2,000 years, we have seen the plea he makes to every Catholic in James 5:7: ‘*Now be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s coming.*’”

Question 70: “How ‘*patient*’ do we have to be?”

Answer: “James 5:7 tells us to be as ‘*patient*’ as a farmer! ‘*Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains.*’

Catholic ‘*farmers*’ are those who ‘*plant the seeds of God’s Word*’ with our prayers, words, and deeds.’”

Question 71: “What do we do as we ‘*plant the seeds of God’s Word*’?”

Answer: “James 5:8 reminds Catholics to never stop ‘*farming patiently*’! ‘*You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon.*’”

Question 72: “How are we to show our ‘*patience*’ as we wait for His Coming?”

Answer: “We must focus on God and not on the errors of ‘*waverers*’ who who weaken His Word with desires that turn into disobedience. ‘*Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgment yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates.*’

As we see Him, *'The Judge'* is seeing us. He is *'waiting'* to see how obedient each of us is to His Word!"

Question 73: "How *'patient'* should Catholics try to be?"

Answer: "James 5:10 is clear. *'For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord; . . '* We have to be as *'patient'* as the *'Prophets'*!"

Question 74: "Is it enough for us to be *'patient'*?"

Answer: "We must let our *'patience'* become *'endurance'*! *'Remember it is those who had endurance that we say are the blessed ones.'*"

Question 75: "Will God give us that strength?"

Answer: "Yes! *'You have heard of the patience of Job, and understood the Lord's purpose, realizing that The Lord is kind and compassionate.'*"

Catholics know! God is so *'kind and compassionate'* that He will let everyone who meaningfully wants them have the only *'keys to The Kingdom of Heaven'* that He left on earth!

'And I say unto you, thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.'"

Of all the books there are, the very short Book of James gives us the most good reasons to be Catholic in the fewest pages.

Question 76: "Does St. James teach Catholics how to be more pleasing to God?"

Answer: “Yes! James 5:12 gives us some good advice. *‘Above all, my brothers, do not swear by heaven or by the earth, or use any oaths at all. If you mean ‘yes’, you must say ‘yes’; if you mean ‘no’, say ‘no’. Otherwise you make yourselves liable to judgment.’*”

Question 77: “Why is that important?”

Answer: “We must not magnify our importance by saying that we are speaking for *‘heaven’* or *‘earth’*! We must humbly state our beliefs and try to keep them in line with Every Word of Jesus, including: *‘And I say unto you, thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.’*”

Question 78: “How else does St. James guide us?”

Answer: “At any time, each of us is either at peace or in *‘trouble’*. We are either *‘happy’* or sad. Verses 5:13 tells us: *‘If any one of you is in trouble, he should pray; if anyone is feeling happy, he should sing a psalm.’*”

Question 79: “We are also either healthy or sick! Does St. James tell Catholics how to deal with that?”

Answer: “5:14-15 explains: *‘If one of you is ill, he should send for the elders of The Church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of The Lord and pray over him. The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up again;’*”

Question 80: “What if our soul has been made *‘sick’* by sins?”

5:16 of The Book of James tells us what to do! *‘. . . and if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. So confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, and this will cure you; the heartfelt prayer of a good man works very powerfully.’*”

Question 81: “Can we ‘*confess our sins*’ to anyone, or to a Catholic priest?”

Answer: “We should confess our sins to those we have hurt. And, we should take advantage of The Great Gift Jesus gave only to His Catholic priests in John 20:23: ‘*Those whose sins you forgive on earth are forgiven in Heaven.*’”

Question 82: “Does The Book of James give us an example of The Power of Prayers to God?”

Answer: “5:17-18 gives this example: ‘*Elijah was a human being like ourselves – he prayed hard for it not to rain, and no rain fell for three-and-a-half years; then he prayed again and the sky gave rain and the earth gave crops.*’”

Catholics thank God for letting The Book of James help us get ‘*the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven*’ from The Only Church Spoken Into Being by Words of Jesus Christ.

Question 83: “We have nearly reached the end of The Book of James! Does St. James conclude his writing by telling us to ‘*Be Catholic!*’?”

Answer: “Yes!” James ends his Book in The Bible with Chapter 5, Verses 19-20. He tells Catholics that our duty is clear!

‘*My brothers, if one of you strays away from the truth, and another brings him back to it, he may be sure that anyone who can bring back a sinner from the wrong way that he has taken will be saving a soul from death and covering up a great number of sins.*’”

Question 84: “What ‘*wrong way*’ do many of our beloved neighbors travel?”

Answer: “Many of our ‘*beloved neighbors*’ do not ‘*trust*’ in The Church-Creating Word with Which our Lord and Savior Spoke One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church Into Being:

‘And I say unto you, thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.’”

Concluding Questions

Question 85: “Why don’t many of our *‘beloved neighbors’* gratefully *‘trust’* in The Church-Creating Word of Jesus Christ enough to be **in** His One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church, and get His *‘keys to The Kingdom of Heaven’*?”

Answer: “Many are confused by The Profiteers of Protestantism! For 500 years, they have created world-wide histories, legislation, literature, beliefs, and denominations that keep people from realizing This Simple Truth:

Just as The Father could Speak Creation Into Being, beginning by saying *‘Let there be light.’*, The Second Person of The Holy Trinity has The Power to Speak One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church Into Being with **His** Holy Word:

‘And I say unto you, thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.’

The Profiteers of Protestantism keep many, including themselves, from believing God has and uses His Power to give *‘the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven’* to one group of people in every time and place: *‘You are My friends if you obey My commands.’*”

Question 86: “Why do many people reject The Divine Perfection of The Church-creating Word of Jesus Christ?”

Answer: “Many Willful Protestants choose to spend their lives avoiding This Catholic Teaching from St. Faustina: *‘Jesus I trust in You’*

*Only Catholics notice that Jesus did **not** tell St. Faustina to put a . at the end of that sentence*

Question 87: “What happens when Willful Protestants meaningfully live by those few words: *‘Jesus, I trust in You’*?”

Answer: “They do what The Book of James tells us so many times! They will *‘Be Catholic!’*”

Question 88: “Has any other book this short ever quoted The Church-Creating Word of Jesus as many times as this book?

“And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this Rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.”

Answer: “Hopefully, every book that is read and written by every Catholic will repeat That Word of God as often as possible so more will remember where to find the only ‘keys to The Kingdom of Heaven’ that Jesus Christ died to leave on earth.”

This is not

“The End”.

With James, and every other Book in The Bible, this is:

“The Beginning”

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