

“LIFE IS SHORT. LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS.”

SERMON NOTES

James 4:11-17

What is the key problem in the world?

Ezek 28:17a, Isa 14:13-14; Jas 4:10

Our Prayer – Ps 139:23-24

1. _____ and _____ **One Another** (vv. 11-12; Eph 4:29; 1 Thess 5:11)

SLANDER –

Used in 1 Pt 2:12; 3:16 – non-Christians “maligning” Christians – Coincidence it is used here?

JUDGMENT –

~ Superiority to His Brother

~ Superiority to God

Is judgment always wrong?

~ Godly judgment allow us to be _____ of a person’s character or teaching (Mt 7:15; Rom 16:17-18). Note that Paul even calls out various people by name.

~ Godly judgment allows us to _____ to someone about their _____ (Jas 5:19-20; Gal 6:1).

Why do we criticize & judge people? Criticism...

- a. ... boost our self-image (Remedy – 1 Pt 2:1-3)
- b. ... is simply enjoyed (Jer 17:9; Remedy – Jas 4:8)
- c. ... makes us feel that our lives are better than the person who failed (Remedy – Rom 12:9-10)
- d. ... helps us justify the decisions we make and things we have done (Remedy – Prov 3:5-8)
- e. ... is an outlet for hurt and revenge (Remedy – Rom 12:17-19; 14:19)

2. _____ on GOD with Every _____ (vv. 14-16)

What's wrong with v. 13?

What are the clues from the text?

~ Note "do business." Besides here, only found in 2 Pt 2:3 – "deceptive exploitation" = Coincidence?

What is the person guilty of?

Boast – "to express an unusually high degree of confidence in someone or something being exceptionally noteworthy."

~ When is boasting wrong?

~ When is boasting acceptable? (1 Cor 1:31; Ps 34:2; Rom 15:17; Gal 6:14; Heb 3:6)

What is a sin of omission?

What have you been guilty of?

The person is foolish because...

v. 13 – life is complex

v. 14 – life is uncertain, short; mankind is frail

What does James confront here?

~ **Practical Atheism**

~ **Self-Theism**

What does God call us to? – Jas 4:7a, 8b, 10a

How are you redeeming the time? (Eph 5:15-17)

Life is short. What must we do?

See Job 14:1-2; 2 Cor 6:2

OUR PRAYER – Ps 19:13a, 14