

# **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S JAMES**

## **Part 3**

### **WITH NO DOUBTING (James 1:6-8 NKJV)**

- The enemy of doubt
  1. Do not call yourself a doubter
  2. Doubt means to hesitate, to waver, be of two opinions
- Peter's example of doubt (**Matthew 14:26-32 NKJV**)
  1. Peter stepped out on Jesus' word to come
  2. He did walk on the water - spiritual things are real
  3. He started looking at the situation - caused fear and sinking
  4. Called out to Jesus and was helped
  5. Jesus asked him why he doubted

### **GOD'S KINGDOM OPERATES DIFFERENTLY (James 1:9-11 NKJV)**

- Being rich is not a Kingdom advantage
  1. The poor are elevated - in God's Kingdom, they are not looked down upon
  2. The rich are lowered - not exalted in God's Kingdom (**1 Timothy 6:17 NKJV**)

### **DEALING WITH TEMPTATION (James 1:12-15 NKJV)**

- Passing the test
  1. Blessed when we persevere in tests and trials
  2. Blessed because we receive the crown of life
  3. Love for the Lord is a motivator to not giving in
- Do not say this was from the Lord
  1. He does not tempt or bring evil into our lives
  2. Our own desires are the source of temptation (**1 John 2:15-16 NKJV**)
  3. Lusts, strong desires not acted upon - no conception

### **THE GOD OF GOOD (James 1:16-18 NKJV)**

- Don't be deceived
  1. God is good and gives what is good
  2. We are born of Him (**1 Peter 1:23-24 NKJV**)
- And because we are a prime example of His creation (**James 1:19-20 NKJV**)
  1. We excel relationally
  2. Implementing the first two things helps with the third objective - slow to wrath (**Proverbs 16:32 NKJV**)
  3. Our wrath does not display the rightness of God (**Titus 3:1-3 NKJV**)