

You Discover Truth

GODchats James Chapter 2:14-20

Read James 2:14-20 asking the **who, what, where, when, why** and **how** questions.

¹⁴ **WHAT is the question James asks?**

What use is it, (*What is the use? What does it profit?*)

WHO is James addressing?

my brethren,

What use is it if **WHO**?

if someone

if someone **WHAT**?

says

says **WHAT**?

he has faith

but

that someone **WHAT**?

has no works?

(Do you see the  *contrasts*?)

HINT: it is not faith vs. works.

What is the point James is making?

Can that faith **WHAT**?

Can that faith save

save WHO?

save him?

(him WHO?)

*(The one who says, **but doesn't 'have'; doesn't 'do'.**)*

¹⁵ WHAT is the illustration James gives to make his point?

If WHO?

if a brother or sister

is WHAT?

is without clothing

and

is WHAT else?

in need of daily food,

¹⁶ and

WHO?

one of you

(‘you’ WHO?) One of you brethren.

one of you WHAT?

says

says to WHO?

to them,

(Them WHO?) The one in need.

says WHAT?

“Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,”

and yet

WHO?

you (*one of you brethren*)

WHAT?

do not give

not give to WHO?

to them (*the needy*)

not give WHAT?

what is necessary for *their* body,

(Do you see the  *contrast?*)

WHAT does James say about 'saying' vs. 'doing'?

What use is that?

Then James continues to explain.

¹⁷ Even so

WHAT?

faith,

if it (*faith*) WHAT?

has no works,

it (*faith without works*) is WHAT?

is dead,

WHY?

being by itself.

(This kind of faith is dead because it is all by itself.)

¹⁸ But (here is a  *contrast* to the above)

WHO?

someone (*an imaginary objector*)

may WHAT?

may well **say**,

say WHAT?

“You

(you WHO?) One of you brethren who says

WHAT?

have faith

and

I (*‘someone’, the imaginary objector*)

WHAT?

have works;

WHAT is 'you' to do?

show

show WHO?

show **me** (*the someone with works*)

show WHAT?

your faith

without WHAT?

without the works,

(Think: how can one show their faith without works?)

and

WHO?

I *(the someone with works)*

will WHAT?

will show

show WHO?

you

(you WHO?) the one without works

show WHAT?

my faith

show HOW?

by my works.”

(THINK: who might that 'someone' be?)

(Who might the 'you' be?)

In **CONTEXT** James replies to this hypothetical scenario.

¹⁹WHO?

You

(You WHO?)

Remember he is addressing the 12 tribes.

It could be *'the you who says has faith but has no works'* in v17-18,

Or another imaginary someone who comes along, claiming a faith

you WHAT?

believe

believe WHAT?

that God is one.

WHO?

You (*the one who believes God is one*)

WHAT?

do well;

WHY does 'you' do well?

because WHO?

the demons

the demons WHAT?

believe,

and

the demons WHAT else?

shudder.

²⁰ But

are WHO?

are **you** (*the one who believes God is one*)

WHAT?

willing to recognize,

'you' is described HOW?

foolish fellow,

(THINK: WHY is 'you' foolish?)

WHAT does 'you' need to recognize?

recognize

that faith

without WHAT?

without works

is WHAT?

is useless?

(THINK: Why is faith without works useless?)

(Do you see the  contrast?)