

BIBL 670: SPINNING GOLD FROM STRAW: THEOLOGY AND EXEGESIS OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

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1 or 2 graduate credit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Through dialogue between text, theology, and application, the epistle of James can shape our vision of God and his call on the life of his people. We will examine, through careful exegesis of the text, James's teaching on questions of salvation, economics, worship, speech, and community, speaking to the life of every Christian. (This course seeks to introduce readers to the complex theological world of the Epistle of James, guided by the text's focus on the practicality of the Christian life. The epistle teaches on questions of salvation, economics, worship, speech, and community, and as such speaks to the life of every Christian. Students will perform careful exegesis of the text, gain an understanding of the theological priorities of the epistle and how those relate to other texts in the canon, and practice thoughtful application on both the personal and interpersonal levels. In the dialogue between text (exegesis), theology, and application, the epistle of James can shape our vision of God and his call on his people's life.)

CLASS OUTLINE

- Day 1** History of interpretation: the controversial nature of James study; Introductory questions of authorship, audience, provenance, genre
- Day 2** Structure, introduction of key themes; introduction of theological question; James 1 themes introduced, how to read Wisdom for theology
- Day 3** James 2
- Day 4** James 4
- Day 5** James 5

REQUIRED READINGS (ALL STUDENTS:

Morgan, Christopher W. *A Theology of James: Wisdom for God's People*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2010. ISBN: 9781596380844, \$24.99.

Tamez, Elsa. *The Scandalous Message of James: Faith Without Works is Dead*. Revised ed. New York: Crossroad, 2002. ISBN: 9780824519414, \$36.99.

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