

## Free Grace in James 2: A Pinch of Salt

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### Introduction

Zane Hodges offers great analysis of James 2:14-26; this paper pioneers a reason to \_\_\_\_\_

#### A brief introduction to James:

He brought us [James and his readers] forth (1:18) \_\_\_\_\_ means \_\_\_\_\_

Vocative uses of brethren in James: 1:2, 16, 19; 2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10, 12; 4:11; 5:7, 9, 10, 12, 19  
Underlined uses have *my brethren*; double underlined uses have *my beloved brethren*.  
Over half (1:2, 16, 19; 2:1, 14; 3:1; 5:7, 19) signal the start of a new paragraph/topic.

Zane Hodges and John MacArthur agree that James is \_\_\_\_\_

An adaptation of pertinent parts of the outline of James by Zane Hodges follows:

- I. Salutation (1:1)
- II. Prologue (1:2–18)
- III. Theme (1:19–20) swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath
- IV. Body (1:21–5:6)
  - A. Swift to Hear (1:21–2:26)
    1. Hearing Applied (1:21–27)
    2. Mercy Applied (2:1–13)
    3. Beliefs Applied (2:14–26)
  - B. Slow to Speak (3:1–18)
  - C. Slow to Wrath (4:1–5:6)
- V. Epilogue (5:7–20)

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**Illustrating ambiguity:**

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**View 1: The Subtraction Model: Water without \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_**

**View 2: The Addition Model: Water without \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_**

**James is \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hermeneutics: Near- and Far-Contexts for James 2:14–26 (Outline is on front page)**

24,037 verses Old Testament books Far contexts

\_\_\_\_\_ verses earlier New Testament books

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108 verses Book/author (1:1–5:20) Near contexts

74 verses Body (1:21–5:6)

33 verses Section (1:21–2:26)

13 verses Passage (2:14–26)

**A. Section: 1:21–2:26: Let every man be swift to hear**

**1. Hearing Applied (1:21–27)**

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only... (1:22)

**2. Mercy Applied (2:1–13)**

My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality (2:1)

**3. Beliefs Applied (2:14–26)**

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Faith cannot deliver him, can it? (2:14)

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also (2:26)

Point 1 is \_\_\_\_\_; point 2 is \_\_\_\_\_; so point 3 is \_\_\_\_\_.

Exhortations to the brethren: 1:2, 16, 19; 2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10, 12; 4:11; 5:7, 9, 10, 12, 19

**Conclusion**