

RESCUE





PRACTICING A CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN WALK:

A Study in the book of James

James 5:17-20,

“Turning Back Those Who Wander” #24 Lesson



James 5:17-20 (NKJV)

¹⁷ **Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,** and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.



I. **Elijah, FOR TIMES OF DROUGHT AND DESPAIR**

- A. He hungered: (I Kings 17:6,11)
- B. He was afraid: (I Kings 19:1-3)
- C. He was depressed, discouraged and desperate: (I Kings 19:4-14)



19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,
20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.



- **Mark 8:36-37**

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?

- **1 John 2:19**

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.



- **Matthew 18:12-13**

What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not **leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?**

¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.



II. Believers, FOR TIMES OF RESCUE AND REPENTANCE: (vs.19,20)

A. CONCENTRATE ON THOSE WHO WANDER AWAY: Wanderers from the Truth: RESCUE [Ezek 14:11; Heb 3:10; 2 Peter 2:15]

B. CONVINCCE PEOPLE: Turn them back: REPENTANCE [Matt 22:29]



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C. **CALL IT WHAT IT IS:** Describing the Spiritual Condition: “sinner, error, soul, death and sins” [**Titus 3:3**]

D. **CONVERTED TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE:** Terms describing the Spiritual Rescue: “save” and “cover” [Liberate, Set free]