

**JAMES**  
**Pt. 9 - FAULDFINDING**  
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**TARES AMONG THE WHEAT**

**Matthew 13:24-30 (NIV)**

<sup>[24]</sup> Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field."

**DRAWING NEAR TO GOD**

**James 4:7-10 (NIV)**

<sup>[7]</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

<sup>[8]</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

<sup>[9]</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

<sup>[10]</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

**THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Luke 15:17-19 (NIV)**

<sup>[17]</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

<sup>[18]</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

<sup>[19]</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'

**FAULDFINDING – SLANDER**

**James 4:11-12 (NIV)**

<sup>[11]</sup> Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

<sup>[12]</sup> There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you-who are you to judge your neighbor?

## ARROGANT SELF-SUFFICIENCY

### **James 4:13-17 (NIV)**

<sup>[13]</sup> Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

<sup>[14]</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

<sup>[15]</sup> Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

<sup>[16]</sup> As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.

<sup>[17]</sup> Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.