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- **James gives an overview of his epistle in James 1:2-4.**
- **He makes reference to “trials of various kinds” and “the testing of your faith.”**
- **The letter then is a text book about what tests we will face to prove our faith.**

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- **THE TEST OF SMARTNESS (Wisdom)**
  - **James 1:5-11**
    - **It comes from God.**
    - **Recognize our lowly state.**
- **THE TEST OF STEADFASTNESS**
  - **James 1:12-18**
    - **Under persecutions.**
    - **About our passions.**
    - **For our purpose.**



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- **THE TEST OF SUBMISSION**


- **James 1:19-27**

- **To the counsel of God through his word.**

- **To God's definition of religious.**

- **The word "religion" in verses 26 and 27 means, "ceremonial observances."**

- **In other words this text is dealing with hypocrites.**

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- **THE TEST OF IMPARTIALITY**
  - **James 2:1-13**
  - **It is not Christian behavior to treat some people well and mistreat others.**
  - **It is wrong for us to develop improper evaluations of people due to appearance.**
  - **James says that this is not loving your neighbor as yourself and goes on to discuss the magnitude of this sin.**



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## • THE TEST OF COMPASSION

- James 2:14-17

- **Difference between empathy and compassion.**

- **Empathy**- The ability to understand of be sensitive to the feelings and experiences of others. (James 2:15)

- **Compassion**- sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to **alleviate** it.

- **Jesus was moved with compassion.**


- Matt. 14:14- 5000 people.

- Mark 1:41- Leper.

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- **THE TEST OF ACTION/OBEDIENCE**
  - **James 2:18-26**
  - **Faith is made complete through action/works.**
  - **We hear many people say that “faith alone” saves you.**
  - **James 2:24 is the only text in the Bible that puts these two words side by side. What does it say? “...a person is justified by works and NOT by ‘faith alone.’”**
  - **A comparison is made to physical death and spiritual death.**



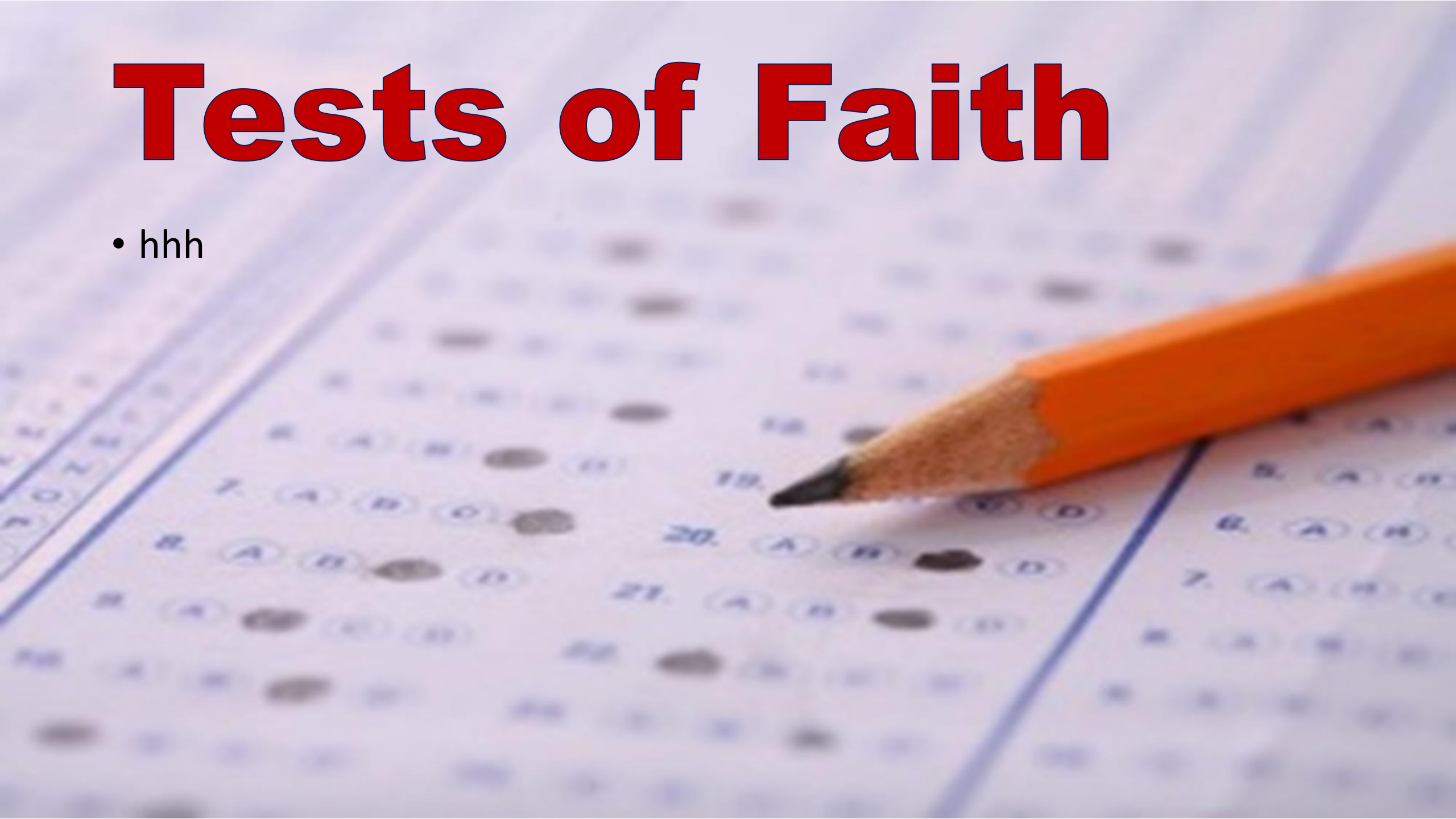
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