



James 5:12

**Yes, Jesus is returning,
however, every **action**,
reaction and **interaction** that
a believer is involved in
will also be judged**



Matthew 12:33-38

**Integrity starts in
our hearts and is visible
through our actions**



**James is reminding us that
the return of Jesus will bring
with it a judgement for
unbelievers and believers**





SAY WHAT YOU MEAN

Jeremiah 17:9-10

**Only God truly knows
the thoughts and intents
of our hearts**



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**“Do NOT swear” = DON’T
begin to make a promise;
STOP making oaths
(especially ones, you DON’T
intend to keep)**



The **deceitful practice
specifically being called out,
is pledging a vow as a
loophole to get around being
totally truthful**



**Mentality – as long as
it WASN'T an oath or promise
that directly attached itself
to God, then it WASN'T
binding**



**Followers of Jesus
are to ONLY speak truth
(what comes out of our
mouths MUST be reliable
and trustworthy)**



**What we say matters and
it MUST be truthful**

Ephesians 4:14-16



**“Speaking the truth” =
a present tense Greek verb,
which means “continual
action” (this is part of our
Christian DNA)**



**Since ALL of us are naturally
deceitful and wicked,
it's clear in our own strength
we are inept and unable
to fix this problem**



The Remedy – our hope and help is based upon our relationship with Christ

Daniel 1:8a



CHALLENGE

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Hebrews 12:1-3

