Sunday 04 January 2026 James 1 8“Loving God From The Heart” James 1:12

**Without capacity for life from biblical truth in our souls, we would know nothing of what it means to love God and if that were true, no blessing we could ever have in life would be worth having. James is boiling down the issue of Christian life success to nothing more than a recognition of God’s love for us followed by a heartfelt loving response to Him expressed in a life of joyous obedience. The heart is directly related to our capacity for life and our emotions are designed by God to respond with appreciation for what the heart provides and when there is harmony in this marriage of God’s truth and our proper emotional response to it, there is great enjoyment in life! Anything that makes us aware of life is a heart function and lest we forget, one of the worst malfunctions of the heart is revenge which starts in the mind with mental attitude sins leading to emotional revolt which always remains a potential for us. It’s in our momentum department of the heart that we have the most needed use of the function of God’s grace solutions. In the original creation of mankind, his human spirit was the basis of his fellowship with God and when Adam sinned, the human spirit was destroyed immediately and at that point, man was spiritually dead with no possibility of fellowship with God. In summary, the soul is the real person and it’s our soul that is made in the image of God, not anything having to do with our bodies and this image is only an image in principle; it’s a shadow image. If we use the mechanics provided by God that we’ve been studying which will cause us to fall in love with Him like never before, He has promised to give us the Crown of Life to wear for all eternity! This is why we should never study prophecy from the standpoint of curiosity only as our understanding of certain things about the future recorded in the Word of God must be related to learning and using our spiritual life here and now.**