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Can it save? No!

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Who is this someone?

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***How much of Vs. 18 is spoken
by the ‘someone’, and how
much by James?***

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***To whom are the “thy” and
“my” referring?***

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One answer:

MacArthur claims the whole verse is the boasting of a proud Jew, whereas James is humble, “walking the walk”

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Better answer:

The 1st Phrase is the assertion of a hypothetical opponent , while the 2nd Phrase is James’ response

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The objector is stating that both faith and works are legitimate expressions of the Christian religion

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So, like spiritual gifts, no one has the total package—You have your works, and I have my faith

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***James will have nothing of it and
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Good works are the exhibition of faith—Cp. “Show me the money”

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***He begins with the fundamental
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Jewish/Christian theology—
“monotheism”***

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Extreme Example:

***He could have cited other
attributes of God such as Creator,
Sovereign, Holy, etc.***

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Extreme Example:

***Point: No one denies such an
assertion isn't true, or that it's not
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thing to confess***

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***Our faith in such distinguishes us
from others who refuse to
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***Does this confession suffice, true
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***Of those men who believe, how few
they are who shudder”***

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Extreme Example:

Demonic spirits seem to show great spiritual interest—Involved with doctrine, church attendance, church life, etc.

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***Are you ready now, O vain man, to
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works is dead and will not save?***