

The General Epistle of  
JAMES

JAMES 1

*The testing of our faith; ask wisdom from God;*

*do not be double-souled; endure temptation*

CHAPTER 1

1 James, a servant of God, and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the dispersion,<sup>1</sup> Rejoice.

2 Govern it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various temptations,

3 Knowing that the testing of your faith fully works cheerful endurance,

4 And let cheerful endurance have a perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete in every part, lacking nothing.

5 And if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from God, the one giving to all bountifully, and not reproaching, and it will be given him.

6 And let him ask in faith, not judging through *it*, because the one judging through *it* is like a raging of the sea driven with the wind and blown,

7 Because do not let that man imagine that he shall take anything from the Lord.

8 A double souled man is unstable in all his ways.

9 And let the lowly brother boast in that he is exalted,

10 And the rich, in that he is made lowly, because as the blossom of the vegetation he will pass away,

11 Because the sun rose with heat, and dried up the vegetation, and its blossom fell off, and the good suitableness of its face was destroyed, so also the rich will be extinguished in his journey.

12 Blessed *is the* man who endures temptation, because having become approved, he will take the crown of life, which the Lord promised those loving him.

13 Let no one, being tempted, say, I am tempted from God, because God is not tempted by evils, and he absolutely does not *tempt* anyone,

14 And everyone is tempted, being dragged away by his own passion, and entrapped.

15 Then passion, having conceived, produces sin, and sin, being entirely complete generates death.

16 Do not go astray, my beloved brothers.

17 Every inherently good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom is absolutely no variableness nor shadow of turning.

18 Of his own will he generated us with *the* word of truth for us to be a certain firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>1</sup> **1;1 dispersion, diaspora**, dispersion of Israel, Hebrew communities settled in almost every country on earth caused by; (1) The deportation of northern Israel by Assyria in 721 BC; (2) The Babylonian deportation of Judah and those remaining of Israel in 606 - 586 BC; (3) The destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, 69-70 AD, and other forced migrations by the Romans after that; (4) The voluntary migration of Hebrews to all parts of the world to engage in business and trade, in all periods, which is still prevalent, even after the re-establishment of the Nation of Israel in 1948.

**JAMES 2** *Be doers of the word; true ceremonial observance; right attitudes toward the rich and the poor*

19 So then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath,

20 Because *the* wrath of man absolutely does not fully work the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore putting away all filthiness and super-abundance of wickedness, in meekness receive the implanted word, the one having power to save your soul.

22 And be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves,

23 Because if anyone is a hearer of the word, and absolutely not a doer, this one is like a man fully exercising his mind upon his natural face in a mirror,

24 Because he fully exercises his mind upon himself, and has gone away, and immediately forgets what sort he was.

25 And the one leaning forward to peer into the perfect law of liberty, and staying on, absolutely not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in his deed.

26 If anyone among you thinks he is ceremonially correct in public worship, not curbing his tongue, but deceiving his heart, this one's ceremonial observance is empty.

27 Clean ceremonial observance and undefiled alongside of God and *the* Father is this, To oversee orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep himself unblemished from the world.

## CHAPTER 2

1 My brothers, do not have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, in respect of faces,

2 Because if there comes into your assembly a man wearing a gold ring, in radiant clothing, and there comes in also a poor one in dirty clothing,

3 And you gaze upon the one wearing the radiant clothing, and say to him, You sit here beautifully well, and say to the poor one, You stand there, or, Sit under my footstool,

4 Are you also absolutely not judging through in yourselves, and have become judges *with* evil reasonings?

5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has God absolutely not chosen the poor of *the* world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those loving him?

6 And you have rendered the poor infamous. Do the rich absolutely not hold power against you, and drag you to judgment?

7 Do they absolutely not blaspheme the beautiful good name called upon you?

8 If indeed though you finish the royal law according to the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you do beautifully well,

9 And if you have respect of faces, you work sin, and are convicted by the law as violators,

*Faith, if it does not have works, by itself is dead; example of Abraham; teachers receive greater judgment* **JAMES 3**

10 Because whoever will keep the whole law, and stumble in one, he has become liable for all,

11 Because the one saying, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not murder. And if you absolutely do not commit adultery, and you murder, you have become a violator of the law.

12 In this way speak, and in this way do, as those about to be judged through the law of liberty,

13 Because judgment will be without mercy to those not doing mercy, and mercy boasts against judgment.

14 What does it profit, my brothers, if anyone says he has faith, and does not have works? Faith does not have power to save him!

15 If a brother or sister is naked, and lacks daily nourishment,

16 And one of you says to them, Go away in peace, be warmed and filled, and you do not give them the things needful for the body, what *is* the profit?

17 In this way, faith, if it does not have works, by itself is dead.

18 But, someone may speak, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith out of my works.

19 You believe that there is one God; you do beautifully well; the demons also believe and tremble.

20 And are you willing to know, Oh vain man, that faith apart from works is dead?

21 Was Abraham our father absolutely not justified out of works, having offered up Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 You see that faith worked with his works, and by the works faith was perfected.

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled saying, And Abraham believed God, and it was calculated to him for righteousness, and he was called Friend of God.

24 You see then that out of works a man is justified, and absolutely not out of faith only.

25 And similarly was Rahab the harlot absolutely not justified out of works, having received the messengers as her guests, and sending *them* out another way?

26 Because as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

### CHAPTER 3

1 Do not be many teachers, my brothers, seeing that we *teachers* shall receive the greater judgment,

2 Because in many things we all stumble; if anyone absolutely does not stumble in word, this is a perfect man, having power also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we throw bits into the horses' mouths for us to convince them, and we direct their whole body.

**JAMES 4** *The tongue is a little member, and boasts great things; the wisdom from above; evil cravings*

4 Behold also the ships, being so great, and being pushed under hard winds, are directed by a very small helm wherever the one making *it* straight wills.

5 In this way the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a forest a little fire inflames!

6 And the tongue *is* a fire, the world of unrighteousness; so the tongue is placed among our members, the thing soiling the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature, and is caused to blaze by hell.

7 Because every nature of both beasts and birds, and both of reptiles and sea animals is tamed, and has been tamed by the nature of man,

8 But the tongue absolutely not one man has power to tame; it is an unstable worthlessness full of death dealing poison.

9 In it we bless the God and Father, and in it we curse men, caused to be according to *the* likeness of God.

10 Out of the same mouth issue blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things absolutely ought not so to be.

11 Does the fountain gush out at the same hole sweet and bitter?

12 Does a fig tree, my brothers, have power to bear olives? Or a vine, figs? So absolutely no fountain makes both salty and fresh water.

13 Who *is* wise and knowing among you? Let him show out of a beautiful good behavior his

works in meekness of wisdom.

14 And if you have bitter zeal and strife in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom is absolutely not from above, but is earthly, soulish, demon-like,

16 Because wherever zeal and strife *are*, there *are* instability and every worthless deed.

17 And the wisdom from above is first clean, then peaceable, appropriate, and yielding, full of mercy and inherent good fruits, impartial, and un-hypocritical.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of those making peace.

#### CHAPTER 4

1 From where *are* wars and battles among you? *Are* they absolutely not from here, out of your craving for sensual pleasures, those warring in your members?

2 You set your passion upon *it*, and absolutely do not have *it*; you murder, and exercise zeal, and you absolutely do not have power to hit upon it; you fight and war; you absolutely do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask, and absolutely do not take *it*, on the very account that you ask badly, that you may spend it upon your sensual pleasures.

4 Adulterers and adulteresses, do you absolutely not see that the fondness for the world is hostility against God? Whoever

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therefore wills to be fond of the world is placed as hateful toward God.

5 Or do you think that the Scripture vainly says, The Spirit housed in us intensely craves with envy? Gen 6:3; Gal 5:17

6 And he gives greater grace, therefore he says, God arranges himself against those appearing higher, and gives grace to *the* lowly. Pro 3:34

7 Arrange yourselves therefore under God. Stand against the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, sinners, and sanctify *your* hearts, *you* double souled.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into being downcast.

10 Be humbled before the face of *the* Lord, and he will exalt you.

11 Do not talk against one another, brothers. The one talking against *his* brother, or judging *his* brother, talks against *the* law, and judges *the* law, and if you judge the law, you are absolutely not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12 There is one Law-placer, the one having power to save and to destroy; who are you who judges the other?

13 Come now, those saying, Today or tomorrow we will travel into this or that city, and do a year there, and trade, and gain,

14 You who absolutely do not know a thing about tomorrow. Because what *is* your life? Because it is a mist, which appears for a little, and then disappears.

15 Instead of your saying, If the Lord wills, we shall also live, and do this or that,

16 But now you boast in your braggadociousness; all such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore to the one seeing the beautiful good, and not doing *it*, to him it is sin.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Come now, rich ones, weep, howling for your miseries coming upon you.

2 Your riches have rotted, and your garments have become moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their rust will be for a witness against you, and will eat your flesh as fire. You have amassed treasures in the last days.

4 Behold, the wages of the workers having reaped your regions cry out, being defrauded by you, and the calls for help of those having harvested have come into the ears of the Lord of Hosts.

5 You have indulged in luxury on the earth, and have given yourself to pleasure; you have fed your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous; he absolutely does not stand against you.

**JAMES 5** *Be patient until the coming of the Lord; anoint with oil and pray for the weak; the power of prayer*

7 Therefore be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord to be at our side. Behold, the farmer waits for the highly valued fruit of the earth, and has patience upon it until he takes the autumn rain and *the later rain*.

8 Also be patient; steadfastly set your hearts, because the coming of the Lord to be at our side draws near.

9 Brothers, do not sigh under pressure against one another so that you will not be judged; behold, the judge stands in front of the door.

10 My brothers, take the prophets as an example of suffering hardship and patience, those who spoke in the name of *the Lord*.

11 Behold, we pronounce those enduring blest. You have heard the cheerful endurance of Job, and you saw the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very sympathetic and compassionate.

12 And above all things, my brothers, do not swear, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath, but let your yes be yes, and your no, no, in order not to fall into judgment.

13 Is anyone among you undergoing hardship? Let him pray. Is anyone in a good spirit? Let him play and sing.

14 Is anyone weak among you? Let him call to himself the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with olive oil in the name of the Lord,

15 And the spoken desire of faith to God will save the weary, and the Lord will raise him up, and if there is sin he has done, it will be forgiven him.

16 Acknowledge your transgressions one to another, and speak your prayer to God for one another, that you may be healed. The supernaturally working petition of one righteous has much strength.

17 Elijah was a man with similar experiences to us, and praying, he prayed *for it* not to shower, and it absolutely did not shower upon the earth three years and six months.

18 And again he prayed, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth sprouted its fruit.

19 Brothers, if anyone among you goes astray from the truth, and anyone returns him,

20 Let him know, that the one returning *the sinner* out of straying from his way will save a soul out of death, and will hide a multitude of sins.