

JAMES

James 1:1 Jacob, a bondservant of God [the Father] and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes during the time of the dispersion [Jews exiled from Jerusalem]. Keep on rejoicing [maintain inner happiness]!

James 1:2 Although you have considered each occasion with inner happiness [initial success in spiritual self-esteem], my brethren [Jewish members of the royal family], when you encountered various kinds of pressure testing [providential preventative suffering: thought, people, systems, disaster],

James 1:3 Knowing [from their studying in spiritual self-esteem] that the testing [providential preventative suffering] of your doctrine produces patient endurance [courage under pressure],

James 1:4 Nevertheless, let patient endurance [passing pressure tests by utilizing the doctrine in your soul] keep on bringing about mature production [accelerated growth in the spiritual life by passing momentum and evidence tests], in order that you may become increasingly mature [spiritual maturity], even full-grown [completed edification complex of the soul], being deficient in nothing [able to handle any pressure without going insane].

James 1:5 Now, if any of you [who are under pressure testing] lacks wisdom [experience in the application of doctrine], keep on asking for help [pray for application assistance] in the presence of God - Who gives to all [believers who ask] generously and will not reject your request - and it [assistance in the application of doctrine] shall be given to you.

James 1:6 But keep on asking with confidence, doubting nothing [rest in faith], for he who doubts on a recurring basis [spiritual malfunction] is like a wave of the sea [unstable] which is pushed around by the wind [agitated] and tossed all over the place [hurled about emotionally];

James 1:7 For that man [the one who rests in faith] must stop presuming that he shall receive anything [assistance in passing pressure tests] from the Lord,

James 1:8 *Being* a double-souled man [in emotional revolt], unstable [bored & restless] in all his ways.

James 1:9 However, may the genuinely humble brother [who knows how to execute the faith-rest drill] keep on celebrating in the sphere of his high [spiritual] position

James 1:10 But the wealthy one [spiritually] in the sphere of his genuine humility – like the wild flower of the grass [which stands out beautifully on the background landscape] – may eventually disappear [invalidate his spiritual progress through neglect],

James 1:11 For the sun [testing] will rise again with a scorching heat [intense pressure] and the grass [arrogant believer] begins to wither and the wild flower [genuinely humble believer] begins to fall apart [drifts off course] in the same manner [the arrogant and genuinely humble believers both flunk the next round of pressure tests] and the beauty of its face [the spiritual status of the genuinely humble believer] begins to fade away [loss of reflected glory]; also, in this manner, the wealthy one

[genuinely humble believer] during his journey [spiritual life] may wither [begin losing everything he has accomplished so far].

James 1:12 Happy is the man who remains under pressure [passes tests that accelerate spiritual growth], for after being tested for approval, he shall receive the crown of life [awarded at the Evaluation Seat of Christ for good production], which was promised [by the Lord in eternity past] to those [mature believers] who continue to love Him [occupation with Christ].

James 1:13 Let no one when he is being tempted [allured to sin when the pressure gets too great] say: "I am being tempted by God [allured to sin]," for God is incapable of being tempted by evil [violates His divine essence and character], neither does He Himself tempt anyone [allure to sin].

James 1:14 On the contrary, each one is tempted by his own lust pattern [function of the sin nature] when he is dragged away [from the spiritual life] and is being enticed [lured to sin].

James 1:15 Then when the lust pattern becomes pregnant, it gives birth to sin; and this sin, when it has been fully realized, brings forth spiritual death.

James 1:16 Stop being deceived, my beloved brethren [Jewish Christians].

James 1:17 Every good gift [gradual instilling of wisdom] and every completed present [crown of life] keeps on being from above, coming down from the ultimate source of the Father of lights [intellectual and spiritual light: Bible doctrine], from the immediate source of Whom there is not within Him a hint of variation [no change of course in His grace mechanics] nor an eclipse [of His glory].

James 1:18 According to His determinate will, He regenerated us [spiritual birth] by means of the Word of Truth [quickened by the Spirit through Gospel doctrine] for the purpose of being a kind of first portion of His creatures [first generation of Christians].

James 1:19 Understand these [rules for Bible study], my beloved brethren [Jewish Christians]: Every person must keep on being swift for the purpose of hearing [concentrate on doctrinal teaching with eagerness], slow when beginning to speak [shut up in class and don't interrupt the teacher], slow to react in anger [mental attitude sins destroy spiritual momentum],

James 1:20 For the anger of man [mental attitude sin] does not produce the righteousness of God [fails divine standards].

James 1:21 Because of this [sin short-circuiting the spiritual life], after removing every category of pollution [cosmic 1 activity: arrogance complex of sins] and the overflow of wickedness [Cosmic 2 activity: hatred complex of sins], start welcoming in the sphere of genuine humility the implanted Word [Bible doctrine in the soul], which keeps on being able to deliver your souls [sanctification salvation].

James 1:22 Moreover, keep on being doers of the Word [cycling *epignosis* doctrine to the *kardia*, followed by application of doctrine to life] and not hearers only [*gnosis* only, no cycling to the *kardia*, application of doctrine malfunctions], deceiving yourselves [malfunction in the grace apparatus for perception];

James 1:23 For if anyone keeps on being a hearer [reception to *gnosis* is successful] of the Word but not a doer [application of *epignosis* is a failure], this one [who fails to metabolize doctrine] is like a

noble man who studies his natural face [inner characteristics] in a mirror [comparing his norms and standards to the Word of God],

James 1:24 For he began to observe himself [in the mirror] and then he departed [off he goes into apostasy] and immediately disregarded [forgets] what sort of person he originally was [apostate].

James 1:25 But the one [believer with positive momentum] who has looked intently [deep concentration] into the mature law [principle] of freedom [Church Age doctrine rather than the Mosaic Law] and has persisted [continued with the function of the grace apparatus for perception on a daily basis], not having become a forgetful hearer [failure to convert *gnosis* to *epignosis*], but a productive doer [applies *epignosis* to life after looking into the mature law of freedom and advances to maturity], this one shall be happy during application [of doctrine].

James 1:26 If anyone [a self-righteous do-gooder] has the subjective opinion [his self-analysis is corrupt and unbiblical] that he is religious, not holding his own tongue in check with a bit and bridle [runs doctrinal people down], but is constantly deceiving the mentality of his own soul [his right lobe has been seduced by self-righteous, legalistic arrogance], his religion [system of human good] is empty [useless].

James 1:27 Pure [nothing added] and undefiled [non-legalistic] spirituality [genuine Christianity] in the sight of God, even the Father, is exemplified by this: Visit orphans and widows in their difficult circumstances [for the purpose of evangelism]; keep yourself without blemish [guard against false doctrine and scar tissue of the soul] from the cosmic system.

James 2:1 My brethren [members of the royal family], stop holding on to loyalty in the sphere of personal favoritisms [over-zealous commitment towards friends] with reference to our Lord Jesus Christ, the honorable One.

James 2:2 For if [suppose] a gentleman [patrician] enters into your local assembly with a gold ring on his finger, in magnificent apparel [exquisite toga], and a working man [plebian] also enters in filthy [stinking] clothes,

James 2:3 And you extend preferential treatment to the one who wears magnificent apparel, and you say: “You, please sit in this honorable place,” but you say to the working man, “You, stand over there or sit beside my footstool,”

James 2:4 Have you not discriminated within yourselves [shown favoritism based on erroneous, external human standards instead of divine standards] and have you not become judges with corrupt decisions [evil opinions]?

James 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has not God Himself chosen [election in eternity past] the poor of this world [within the family of God] *to become* [a potential, not a guarantee] wealthy in doctrine [requires continued positive volition] and heirs of the kingdom [a reward, not a gift] which He has promised to those who keep on loving Him [meeting the condition of this heirship]?

James 2:6 But you have dishonored [treated shamefully] the working man. Don't wealthy men repeatedly exploit [dominate] you and they themselves drag you helplessly into courts of law?

James 2:7 Don't they [wealthy Jews] keep on maligning that honorable name [Jesus Christ] by which you have been surnamed [Christians]?

James 2:8 If you truly want to carry out a royal mandate [problem-solving device contained in the implanted Word] according to Scripture: “Continue to exercise virtue love [relaxed mental attitude] towards the one in your periphery as yourself,” you keep on doing honorably [divine good].

James 2:9 But if you keep on showing favoritism [as a result of reverse process reversionism], you are committing a sin, being convicted by the authority of the mandate [implanted Word, law of freedom] as violators.

James 2:10 For you see, anyone who tries to keep the entire [Mosaic] law, but stumbles on one [command of the law], he has become guilty of all [the law].

James 2:11 For He who said: “Do not commit adultery” also said: “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you commit murder, you have become a violator of the law.

James 2:12 So keep on speaking [free from mental attitude and verbal sins] and in this manner keep on doing [divine good production] as those [Christians] who are destined to be evaluated [for rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ] by a mandate of freedom [not the Mosaic Law],

James 2:13 For evaluation [at the Judgment Seat of Christ] will be without mercy [no reward for human good] for the one who did not produce mercy [grace function]; mercy will triumph during the time of evaluation [Judgment Seat of Christ].

James 2:14 What profit *is* it, my brethren, if someone [reversionistic believer] alleges *that* he has faith [without doctrine], but he does not keep on having production [either in the soul or by external application]? Is faith [without doctrine] able to deliver him?

James 2:15 If a [Christian] brother or sister exists shabbily dressed and lacking daily food,

James 2:16 And any one of you [in emotional revolt of the soul] says to them: “Go away in peace, warm yourselves and eat until you are satisfied,” but you don’t give them those necessities for the body, what profit *is* there [in your doctrinal misapplication]?

James 2:17 Even so, faith [after salvation] by itself [without a working object], if it does not have doctrinal application [working object], keeps on being dead.

James 2:18 But now someone [a reversionist lipping-off] will say: “You have faith [with doctrine] and I have works [without doctrine]. Demonstrate to me your faith apart from works [doctrinal application] and I will demonstrate to you by my works [human good] my faith [without doctrine].”

James 2:19 You [Judaizer] have faith that God is one [monotheism]; you do well [by believing in one God]. The demons also have faith [in one God], yet they tremble with fear [His existence guarantees their judgment in eternity].

James 2:20 Now, are you willing to start learning by studying [grace apparatus for perception], oh empty man [ignorant carnal believer], because faith apart from doctrinal application keeps on being unemployed [useless, produces nothing of value: operational death]?

James 2:21 Abraham, our father, was he not vindicated by doctrinal application when he offered up Isaac, his son, upon the altar?

James 2:22 Do you see that doctrine [in the mentality of the soul] kept on working together with his application [production] to make faith complete [producing divine good]?

James 2:23 And the scripture [Gen. 15:6] was brought to completion which says: “And Abraham believed God [that his posterity would populate the earth] and it [his obedience in offering Isaac as a sacrifice] was reckoned to his account as righteousness [divine good] and he was called a friend of God [experiential fellowship with Deity].

James 2:24 You can see that by means of doctrinal application [production] a man receives vindication [sanctification-salvation] and not by means of faith alone [faith by itself is useless, it must have a working object].

James 2:25 Likewise, also, was not Rahab the prostitute vindicated by doctrinal application [production], when she welcomed the envoys [spies] and led them out [helped them escape] in another direction [away from pursuing soldiers]?

James 2:26 So then, as the body without breath is dead [a corpse], so also faith without doctrinal application [production] is dead [a corpse].

James 3:1 Stop establishing many teachers [rebuke to the plurality of elders in a single assembly who were trying to usurp the authority of the pastor-teacher], my brethren, knowing that we [teachers] shall receive greater judgment [double discipline].

James 3:2 To be sure, we [teachers] all stumble from time-to-time. If any man does not occasionally stumble when teaching, this man *is* a spiritually mature man, able in fact [because of doctrine], to guide with a bit and bridle the whole body [control of the tongue while teaching is extended to control in other activities of life].

James 3:3 Now if we thrust the bits of horses into their mouths so that they will obey us [prevent verbal sins], we also control the direction of their entire body [prevent overt sins].

James 3:4 Consider ships [body of teacher], also being large, and propelled by strong winds: they are directed by a very small rudder [tongue] toward whatever direction the helmsman determines [appropriate spiritual destination].

James 3:5 In this manner also, the tongue is a small part [of the body], but it boasts great things [causes trouble]. Consider how a large fire [verbal sins of a teacher] burns up a large forest [destroys members of a congregation in its path].

James 3:6 Indeed, the tongue *can be* a fire, a world of wickedness. The tongue was placed in our anatomy although it may contaminate the entire body and may set on fire the course of existence [thinking-saying-doing] and may be set on fire by the agency of Gehenna [Satan himself].

James 3:7 For every species of mammal and also birds, reptiles and also marine life, has been controlled [tamed & subdued] in the past and is still being controlled by the natural order of mankind [instituted by God in Gen. 9:2],

James 3:8 But no one of mankind is able to tame the tongue, an unstable evil full of deadly poison [death bringing venom].

James 3:9 By means of it [the tongue] we praise the Lord and the Father, and by means of it [the tongue] we curse mankind, who came into being according to the likeness of God [not by evolution];

James 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, there is no need for these things [alternating benediction and malediction] to continue coming to pass in this manner [inconsistency].

James 3:11 Does the well emit out of the same opening sweet water [blessings from supergrace] and bitter water [cursing from reversionism]?

James 3:12 My brethren, is a fig tree able to produce olives or a vine, figs [there is an expected fruit according to its nature]? Neither *is* a salt spring [cursing from reversionism] able to produce sweet water [blessings from supergrace].

James 3:13 Who *is* experienced and an expert [doctrinal understanding] among you? Demonstrate the same doctrinal application [production] from an honorable manner of life characterized by wisdom [spiritual insight] in the sphere of grace orientation [genuine humility].

James 3:14 But if you possess bitter jealousy and contentiousness in the mentality of your soul [reversionistic thoughts], stop boasting and lying against the truth [contradicting their profession of spiritual maturity by verbal sins].

James 3:15 This wisdom [demon doctrine] is not descending from above [heaven], but *is* earthly, soulish [unspiritual], demonic;

James 3:16 For wherever jealousy and contentiousness *exist* [in the reversionist], there is instability [wide emotional swings] and every category of vile practice [monsterhood has been achieved].

James 3:17 But the wisdom [Bible doctrine in the soul] from above keeps on being essentially pure, and then, as well: peaceable [relaxed mental attitude], oriented to authority [teachable], reasonable [not implacable or vindictive], full of mercy [grace orientation] and good fruit [divine production], unwavering [impartial], without hypocrisy [genuine];

James 3:18 Moreover, the harvest of righteousness [the supergrace life] is sown in peace [tranquility] to the one who continues to produce peace [inner benefits from the consistent use of the grace apparatus for perception].

James 4:1 From what source *are* the quarrels [fights between two people] and from what source *are* the conflicts [church brawls] among you [in your local assemblies]? *Are they* not, namely, out from the source of your frantic search for happiness through lusts [functions of the sin nature] which wage a continuous battle [military campaign] in your members [mind, body & soul]?

James 4:2 You keep on lusting [frantic search for happiness], but you will not have [frustration from not getting the object of your lust]; you commit murder since you are full of jealousy [mental violence often leads to physical violence], but you are not able to acquire [the ultimate happiness you desire]; you quarrel [litigation in court] and fight [hire thugs to steal the object of your lust], *but* you will not obtain [the inner happiness you desire] because you are not asking [for the only true source of inner happiness: Bible doctrine circulating in the mentality of the soul].

James 4:3 You keep on demanding [in arrogance], but you will not receive *it* [the details of life], because you continue to demand [in arrogance] wickedly so that you may squander *it* [the details of life] in your frantic search for happiness through pleasure.

James 4:4 Adulteresses [reverse process reversionists], do you not know that friendship with the cosmic system keeps on being alienation from God? Therefore, if someone has decided [in emotional revolt of the soul] to keep on being a friend with the cosmic system [continues in reversionism], he is becoming an enemy of God.

James 4:5 Or do you presume [subjective opinion] that the Scripture says for no reason: “The spirit which was implanted in us jealously yearns?”

James 4:6 However, He keeps on giving greater [super, conquering] grace [greater than the spirit of jealousy implanted within us]. Therefore, it says [in Proverbs 3:34]: “God opposes in military fashion the arrogant reversionist, but to the genuinely humble [maturing believer] He keeps on giving grace [maximum benefits from doctrine in the soul].”

James 4:7 Be subordinate, therefore, unto God [execute His divine protocol plan]. Moreover, oppose [resist] the devil [by doctrine in the soul in the filling of the Spirit] and he will avoid you.

James 4:8 Come close to God [reversion recovery] and He will come close to you [intimate fellowship based on the filling of the Spirit and metabolized doctrine in the soul]. Cleanse *your* hands [confession], sinners [carnal believers], and purify the mentality of *your* soul [post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation], double-minded ones [reverse process reversionists].

James 4:9 You [reverse process reversionists] will be miserable and you will lament and you will weep. Your laughter will be turned into grief and your temporary happiness into depression.

James 4:10 Receive genuine humility [a disciplined, grace oriented life] in the opinion of the Lord [principles of the supergrace] and He will promote you.

James 4:11 Stop speaking evil of one another, brethren [members of the royal family]. The one who continually slanders [maligning, gossiping] a brother [fellow believer] or continually judges his brother [fellow believer] is slandering the law and judging the law [law of liberty or supergrace principles from Bible doctrine]. Moreover, if you judge the law [by slandering, gossiping or maligning someone], you are not a doer [supergrace believer] of the law [law of liberty or supergrace principles from Bible doctrine], but a judge [opposed to the supergrace life].

James 4:12 There is one Lawgiver and Judge [God the Father] who is able to deliver [supergrace believers] and to discipline [reversionistic believers]. So who are you to judge a fellow believer?

James 4:13 Come now, you [reversionistic businessmen] who say: “Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and produce [fleece] in that place for a year and engage in business and make a profit.”

James 4:14 Such a person [reversionistic businessman] does not understand [due to lack of doctrine] what kind of life yours [prospective client] *may be* tomorrow. For you are a vapor trail which appears for a short time and then disappears.

James 4:15 Instead [of focusing solely on making money], you [Christian businessmen] ought to say this: “If the Lord wills [divine guidance], we shall both live [residence] and do [function] this or that [according to supergrace principles].”

James 4:16 But as things stand, you [reversionistic businessmen] keep on boasting in your arrogance [pretension]. All this boasting is evil [wicked & degenerate].

James 4:17 Therefore, to the one knows the honorable thing to do [daily familiarization, mental saturation, and application of doctrine], but who does not do it [negative volition towards doctrine], to him it is missing the mark [complete failure in the spiritual life].

James 5:1 Come on now, you rich men, burst into weeping and scream over your miseries [divine discipline] which are coming upon *you* [if you continue in monetary reversionism].

James 5:2 Your wealth [riches obtained in monetary reversionism] has rotted away [along with your soul] and your clothes have become moth-eaten [loss of capacity for life].

James 5:3 Your gold and silver [material possessions] will become tarnished and the venom of your *soul* [scar tissue] shall be your evidence [of reversionism] and shall devour the pieces of your flesh [worldly possessions] like fire [sin unto death]. You have accumulated [in the energy of the flesh] for the last time [sin unto physical death].

James 5:4 Behold, the wages of the workers who have harvested your fields which have been stolen by you [fraud, deprivation] continue to scream out [for justice]. Moreover, the shouts of those who had completed the harvest have entered into the ears of the Lord of the Armies [Jesus Christ will eventually avenge them].

James 5:5 You have lived in luxury and self-indulgence on the earth and you have lived the life of a sensual voluptuary. You have fattened the mentality of your soul for a day of slaughter.

James 5:6 You have condemned the innocent [in court]; you have murdered the just [honest believer]. He [God] does not oppose you [because you are destroying yourself].

James 5:7 Therefore, brethren [abused members of the royal family], persevere [continually apply doctrine] until the coming of the Lord [at the rapture]. Behold, the farmer waits with expectation [in spiritual self-esteem] for the valuable fruit of the land [grace blessings], constantly persevering over it [applying doctrine] until he has obtained the early rain [spiritual autonomy] and the latter rain [spiritual maturity].

James 5:8 Persevere [through testing by the application of doctrine] and stabilize the mentality of your soul [by building an edification complex], because the return of the Lord [at the rapture] is near.

James 5:9 Brethren, stop complaining against others of the same kind [fellow believers], so that you are not disciplined. Behold, the Judge [God the Father] stands along the paths [to continually discipline you].

James 5:10 Brethren, receive an example of endurance through suffering and perseverance through testing [by applying doctrine] from the prophets [OT male teachers], who have communicated [doctrine] in the name of the Lord.

James 5:11 Behold, we congratulate the ones who have endured suffering [by applying doctrine]. You have heard [through teaching] of the perseverance of Job [by applying doctrine] and you have seen the end result from the Lord [his restoration after passing evidence testing], because the Lord keeps on being compassionate and merciful.

James 5:12 But before all things, my brethren [members of the royal family], stop making promises with an oath [lying as a con job], neither by heaven [using God as a cover], nor by earth [using a sacred object as a cover], nor by any other oath [such as your mother's grave], but let your Yes be Yes and *your* No *be* No [exhibiting honesty and integrity], so that you do not fall under condemnation [divine discipline for verbal reversionism].

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering hardship? Keep praying. Is anyone cheerful? Keep singing.

James 5:14 Is anyone [Jewish believers] among you sick [dying the sin unto death due to apostasy]? Let him call overseers [local community pastors] from the church [not the synagogue], and after they have anointed him with oil [given him medical attention], let them offer prayer for him [the dying apostate believer] in the name of the Lord.

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith from a doctrinal person [pastor-overseer] may deliver [soul and maybe bodily restoration] the one who is discouraged and ill [under severe divine discipline], and the Lord [respecting the authority of the pastor-overseer] may restore him [the dying reversionist]. Moreover, if he committed [verbal] sins, he shall be forgiven [as part of his recovery] by Him [the Lord].

James 5:16 Therefore, [those who are dying the sin unto death] acknowledge your [verbal] sins against one another [pastor-overseers could be victims of the verbal sin battle], and [the pastor-overseers] pray on behalf of one another [those you told your verbal sins to and those who were maligned by your verbal sins], in order that you [reversionists] may be restored. The prayer of a righteous [mature, doctrinal] believer has great power when it is operational [effectively working].

James 5:17 Elijah was a man with the same [sin] nature as us, and by means of prayer he prayed that no rain would fall, and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

James 5:18 Then he prayed again [resumed his earlier prayer 3-1/2 years later], and the heaven brought forth rain, and the earth sprouted forth its fruit [agriculture].

James 5:19 My brethren [members of the royal family], if anyone among you has been seduced [deceived by scar tissue of the soul] away from the truth [Bible doctrine] and someone [presumably a mature believer] turns him around [changes his attitude toward the truth],

James 5:20 Let him know that the one [mature believer] who turns the sinner [reversionist] away from the delusion of his way, shall deliver his soul [person] from the [sin unto] death and shall cover a large number of [unconfessed] sins.