

James 1

- ¹ **James**, a servant of **God** and of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
- ² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- ⁵ If *any* of you lack wisdom, let him ask of **God**, that giveth to *all men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- ⁶ But let him *ask* in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- ⁷ For let not that man think that he shall receive *any thing* of the **Lord**.
- ⁸ A double minded man is unstable in *all* his ways.
- ⁹ Let the brother of *low* degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
- ¹⁰ But the rich, in that he is made *low*: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
- ¹¹ For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
- ¹² Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the **Lord** hath promised to them that love him.
- ¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot** be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he *any* man:
- ¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
- ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
- ¹⁶ Do not err, my *beloved* brethren.
- ¹⁷ *Every good gift* and *every perfect gift* is from *above*, and cometh *down* from the **Father** of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- ¹⁸ Of his *own* will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
- ¹⁹ Wherefore, my *beloved* brethren, let *every man* be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

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- ²⁰ For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- ²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
- ²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers *only*, deceiving your *own* selves.
- ²³ For if *any* be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
- ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and *straightway* forgetteth what manner of man he was.
- ²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- ²⁶ If *any* man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his *own* heart, this man's religion is vain.
- ²⁷ Pure religion and undefiled *before* God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 2

- ¹ My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
- ² For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
- ³ And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
- ⁴ Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?
- ⁵ Hearken, my *beloved* brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
- ⁶ But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you *before* the judgment seats?
- ⁷ Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?
- ⁸ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
- ⁹ But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
- ¹⁰ For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of *all*.
- ¹¹ For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.
- ¹² So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.
- ¹³ For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy, and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.
- ¹⁴ What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
- ¹⁵ If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
- ¹⁶ And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
- ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being *alone*.
- ¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

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- ¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- ²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
- ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- ²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
- ²⁴ Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
- ²⁵ Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?
- ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 3

- ¹ My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
- ² For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
- ³ Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
- ⁴ Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
- ⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
- ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
- ⁷ For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
- ⁸ But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
- ⁹ Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
- ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
- ¹¹ Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?
- ¹² Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
- ¹³ Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekeness of wisdom.
- ¹⁴ But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
- ¹⁵ This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
- ¹⁶ For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
- ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James 4

- ¹ From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?
- ² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
- ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
- ⁴ Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
- ⁵ Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?
- ⁶ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- ⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
- ⁹ Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
- ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
- ¹¹ Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.
- ¹² There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?
- ¹³ Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
- ¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.
- ¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.
- ¹⁶ But now ye rejoice in your boastings: *all* such rejoicing is evil.
- ¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

James 5

- ¹ Go to now, ye *rich* men, *weep* and *howl* for your *miseries* that shall come upon you.
- ² Your *riches* are *corrupted*, and your *garments* are *moth-eaten*.
- ³ Your *gold* and *silver* is *cankered*, and the *rust* of them shall be a *witness* against you, and shall *eat* your *flesh* as it were *fire*. Ye have *heaped treasure* together for the *last days*.
- ⁴ Behold, the *hire* of the *labourers* who have *reaped down* your *fields*, which is of you *kept back* by *fraud*, *crieth*: and the *cries* of them which have reaped are entered into the *ears* of the *Lord* of *sabaoth*.
- ⁵ Ye have *lived* in *pleasure* on the *earth*, and been *wanton*; ye have *nourished* your *hearts*, as in a *day of slaughter*.
- ⁶ Ye have *condemned* and *killed* the *just*; and he doth *not resist* you.
- ⁷ Be *patient* therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the *Lord*. Behold, the *husbandman waiteth* for the *precious fruit* of the *earth*, and hath *long patience* for it, until he *receive* the *early* and *latter rain*.
- ⁸ Be ye also *patient*; *stablish* your *hearts*: for the coming of the *Lord draweth nigh*.
- ⁹ *Grudge not* one against another, brethren, lest ye be *condemned*: behold, the *judge standeth before the door*.
- ¹⁰ Take, my brethren, the *prophets*, who have spoken in the *name* of the *Lord*, for an *example* of *suffering affliction*, and of *patience*.
- ¹¹ Behold, we *count* them *happy* which *endure*. Ye have heard of the *patience* of *Job*, and have seen the end of the *Lord*; that the *Lord* is *very pitiful*, and of *tender mercy*.
- ¹² But *above all things*, my brethren, *swear not*, *neither* by *heaven*, *neither* by the *earth*, *neither* by *any other oath*: but *let your yea be yea*, and your *nay, nay*, lest ye *fall into condemnation*.
- ¹³ Is *any* among you *afflicted*? let him *pray*. Is *any merry*? let him *sing psalms*.
- ¹⁴ Is *any sick* among you? let him call for the *elders* of the *church*; and let them *pray* over him, *anointing* him with *oil* in the *name* of the *Lord*:
- ¹⁵ And the *prayer of faith* shall *save the sick*, and the *Lord* shall *raise him up*; and if he have *committed sins*, they shall be *forgiven* him.
- ¹⁶ *Confess your faults* one to another, and *pray* one for another, that ye may be *healed*. The *effectual fervent prayer* of a *righteous man availeth much*.

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- ¹⁷ **Elias** was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.
- ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.
- ¹⁹ Brethren, if *any* of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
- ²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.