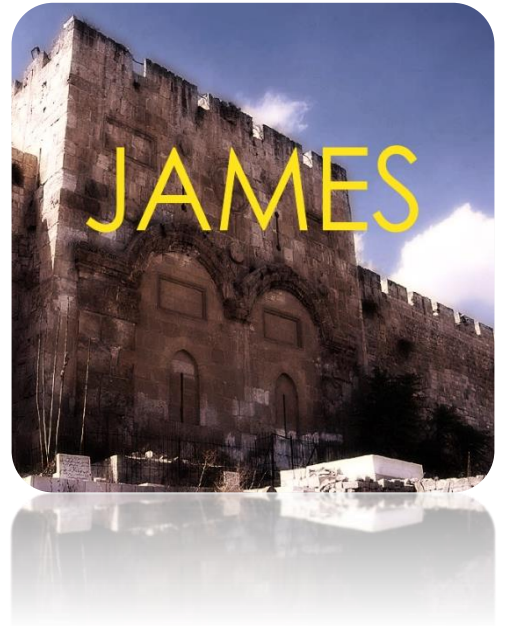


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The book of James is identified with 1 Peter and 1 John as the general epistles in the early church; yet Martin Luther described it as an Epistle of straw. It seems this letter was overlooked in the church due to the fact it was not written by one of the apostles. It was written for those of a synagogue in Jerusalem, focused on Jewish people. It was not addressed to Gentile assemblies, and so, was not much quoted in the earliest period, because it did not possess the wide appeal of the Epistles of Paul.

Greetings to the Twelve Tribes

¹ James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings / so James speaks not only to the little **House of Judah** – the Jewish people, but to the larger **non-Jewish House of Ephraim's Israel** who received the promises of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, passed to Ephraim – who was ½ Egyptian son of a community of nations and his brother Manasseh – a great nation, who would be one day at the center of the world; but for now had resettled in Assyria at the Caucasus mountains, on the way to Isaiah's **Israel in the islands**.



The purpose of trials

² My brothers and sisters, count it all joy when you encounter various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

⁴ But let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

⁵ If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

⁶ But let him ask in faith, without doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave on the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For let not that man suppose he will receive anything from the Lord;

⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways / Barne's notes says: he was two souls, one who has no settled principles; who is controlled by passion; who is influenced by popular feeling; who is now inclined to one opinion or course of conduct, and now to another, is unstable in all his ways - that is, not merely in regard to prayer, the point particularly under discussion, but in respect to everything.

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The Perspective of Rich and Poor

⁹ Let the brother of humble means, glory in his high calling,

¹⁰ and let the rich man glory in his humility, because like a flowering field, he also will pass away.

¹¹ For as the sun rises with scorching heat, and withers the grass; and its flower fall off, and the beauty of its appearance perishes. So also the rich man in his pursuits will fade away.

Loving God through our trials

¹² Blessed is the man who endures under trials; for once he is approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God; for God is not tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and seduced by his own strong desires.

¹⁵ Then, when strong desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is fully grown, brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters.

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. / Our Father in heaven is the source of all light – physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual.

¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

¹⁹ This you know, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to hear, but slow to speak, slow to anger;

²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

²¹ So put aside all filthiness and abundance of wickedness, and with humility receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

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²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and **not** a doer, he is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror;

²⁴ for after he looks, goes away, and immediately forgets what he saw / the honest man looks into the word of God, and then acts upon what he sees.

²⁵ But the one who looks at the perfect law of liberty; and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious, yet does not harness his tongue, deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

²⁷ This is pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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