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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.

Rich Oppressors Will Be Judged

¹ Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you!

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

³ Your gold and silver are rusted, and their rust will be a witness against you, and will consume your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

⁴ Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you by fraud withheld, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord Sabaoth.

⁵ You have lived in luxury on the earth, and led a life of foul pleasure; you have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter.

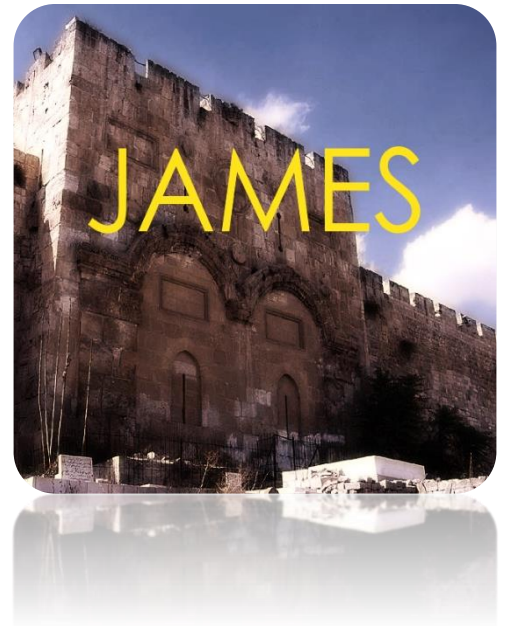
⁶ You have condemned and put to death the one doing right; he does not resist you.

Be Patient and Persevere,

⁷ So, be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it until it gets the early and later rains.

⁸ You too be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.



⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters,
that you yourself be judged. **Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!**

¹⁰ **As an example, my brothers and sisters, of suffering and patience, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord.**

¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. **You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings -- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.**

¹² But above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth; or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall into hypocrisy.

Meeting Specific Needs

¹³ **Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises.**

¹⁴ **Is anyone among you sick?**

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 offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.** And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore, **confess your stepping over the line to one another, and pray for one another**, so that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of the one doing right can accomplish much.

¹⁷ **Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.**

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

Bring Back the Erring One

¹⁹ **Brothers and sisters,**

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if anyone among you wanders from the truth,

and someone turns him around,

²⁰ **let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death,**

and cover a multitude of sins.

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