

James - Lesson 2 - Chapter 1 - Overview

James - A Faith That's Real

I. Faith and Endurance

A. Greeting (1)

1. James
 - a) Bondservant
 - (1) Voluntarily given yourself to be a slave to your Master
 - b) Half brother of Jesus?
2. 12 tribes - Jews
 - a) Dispersed abroad
 - b) Persecution

B. Purpose in the Trials (2-4)

1. **Consider it all joy** (2)
2. Testing faith produces endurance (3)
3. **Let endurance have its perfect result** (4)
 - a) Complete
 - b) Perfect
 - c) Lacking in nothing

C. Asking for Wisdom (5-8)

1. Lack wisdom - **ask of God** (5)
 - a) Gives generously without reproach
 - b) He will give us wisdom
2. **Ask in faith** (6)
 - a) Without doubting
 - b) Example
 - (1) Surf of the sea
 - (2) Driven and tossed by the wind
3. Don't expect wisdom (7)
 - a) No faith
 - b) Double-minded (8)
 - c) Unstable in all your ways

D. Don't trust in riches (9-11)

1. Glory in your humble circumstances (9)
2. Rich man to glory in his humiliation (10)
 - a) Example
 - (1) Flowering grass
 - (a) Wither from the sun and wind (11)
 - (b) Flowers fall off
 - (c) Beauty is destroyed
 - (2) Rich man
 - (a) Will pass away
 - (b) Will fade away in the midst of his pursuits

E. Dealing with Temptation (12-18)

1. Bless if he perseveres under trial (12)
 - a) Once he is approved he will receive the crown of life
 - b) Lord promised it to those who love Him
2. **Don't say I am tempted by God** (13)
 - a) God cannot be tempted
 - b) He doesn't tempt anyone
 - c) Each one can be carried away by their own lusts (14)
 - (1) Lust conceived gives birth to sin (15)
 - (2) Sin accomplished brings death

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3. **Don't be deceived** (16)
 - a) Every good gift comes from the Father (17)
 - (1) Comes from above
 - (2) Comes down from the Father of lights
 - (a) No variation
 - (b) No shifting shadows
4. God exercised His will (18)
 - a) He brought us forth by His Word
 - b) We would become first fruits
- F. Be Doers of the Word (19-25)
 1. This you know (19)
 - a) **Be quick to hear**
 - b) **Be slow to speak**
 - c) **Be slow to anger**
 - (1) Man's anger doesn't achieve the righteousness of God (20)
 2. Putting aside filthiness and wickedness (21)
 3. **In humility receive the word implanted**
 - a) Able to save your souls
 4. **Be doers of the Word** (22)
 - a) Not just hearers
 - (1) Delude themselves
 - b) Example (23)
 - (1) Looks in mirror
 - (2) Goes away and forgets what he is (24)
 - (3) One who looks intently perfect law of liberty (25)
 - (a) Abides by it
 - (b) Not a forgetful hearer
 - (c) Is a effectual doer
 - (d) He will be blessed
- G. Pure Religion (26-27)
 1. Think we are religious (26)
 - a) Don't bridle our tongue
 - b) Deceive our own hearts
 - c) Religion is worthless
 2. Pure, undefiled religion
 - a) Visiting orphans and widows
 - b) Keeping oneself unstained by the world

Why we should worship God

1. Gives wisdom generously (5)
2. Gives without reproach (disappointment or disapproval) - patient, Fatherly love
3. He desires His children to have wisdom
4. God has promised the crown of life to those who love Him (12)
5. He is a God of His Word (Romans 4:21)
6. He can't be tempted He doesn't tempt us (13)
7. Every good thing and every perfect gift comes from God (17)
8. Through His will that we were brought into a relationship with God (18)
9. God is righteous and He will bring His righteous to light in this world (20)