

A look into the Book of James:

Theme: Christians must live out their Faith. They should be doers, not just hearers, of GODS Word.

Purpose: James's readers were suffering persecution and living in poverty. They were in social and spiritual conflict. Many believers were living in a worldly manner. James connects them and challenges them to seek GODS Wisdom to work out their problems.

Key

Themes:

1. GOD is a gracious giver, the unchanging Creator, and merciful and compassionate. HE is also a Judge, the one and only GOD, a jealous GOD, a gracious GOD and a healing GOD (1:5, 17-18,2:5,13,19,4:5-6,5:1-3,9,15)
1. Wisdom comes from above. It enables believers to withstand trials and to have peace rather than divisions among themselves (1:5, 3:13,17).

1. GOD allows tests and trials (1:2-4), but temptation comes from self and satan. The required response is patient endurance. (1:3,13-14,4:7,5:7-8).

1. These trials include poverty and mistreatment by the rich, the poor are the special focus of GODS care. They must be cared for by HIS people. They must not be taken advantage of or ignored. The wealthy are condemned for pride and for stealing from the poor. (1:9,27,2:1-5,15-16,4:13-17,5:1-6).

1. There is both future judgment and future reward (1:12,2:5,12-13,3:1,4:12,5:1-7,9,20).

1. What a person says has power both to destroy and to bring peace. (3:1-4:12)

2. Rather than merely hearing GODS word, believers must obey it in their daily actions. (1:19-27,2:14-26).

1. Prayer is the proper response to trials, but it must not be self-seeking. It is to be central in all of life's circumstances, good or bad. GOD has great power to heal physical and spiritual problems. (1:5-7,4:2-3,5:13-18)

1. James and Paul agree that justification comes only by GODS grace through Faith, and that true faith always results in good works. If no works result, there was no justification in the first place. (2:14-26).

Outline:

1. Greeting (James 1:1)
2. The Testing of Faith (James 1:2-18).
3. Hearing and Doing the Word (James 1:19-27)
4. The sin of favoritism (James 2:1-13)

Introduction to James:

- **1:2: Trials: are "Tests"** designed to strengthen one's Faith (VV 2-5) when trials occur, one should count it all joy. *GOD* is sovereign over all things including trials.
- 1:4- Believers are growing in holiness but are not yet perfected in it, this perfection will come only when *YAHUSHUAS* returns.
- **1:5- Wisdom.** As in the OT (Old testament), wisdom is a *God-Given* and *GOD* - centered understanding of the practical issues in life. Without reproach *GOD* knows that *HIS* people need to grow in Wisom, and *HE* is willing to give it.
- **1:6- Faith.** A Settled trust and confidence in *GOD* based on *HIS* character and promises revealed in Scripture (See Hebrews 11:1).
- **Doubting:** being torn between trusting *GOD* or trusting the world or ones own natural abilities. **A Wave of the sea-** a Picture of instability and constant change.
- 1:7-8: A person who doubts is a double-minded man. He has "two minds" Torn between *GOD* and the world (compare verse 6).

Did you know?

- Rahab is a remarkable example of the fact that *GOD* can use whomever *HE* chooses to accomplish *HIS* will (1 Corinthians 26-31). Though a prostitute and a *Gentile* Rahab is listed in the genealogy of *YAHUSHUA* (Matthew 1:5). She is remembered as a model of faith completed in works. (James 2:25) and is listed among the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11.

1:19: Nothing in this world is truly good unless it comes from above, heaven down from the Father of lights (see PS 74:16,136:7-9). *GODS* Character never changes.

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Bible Study Questions:

1. What does it mean to count it all joy?

2. What is the main things, that James talks about that is what every believer must have?
3. What can we take, /learn from what James teaches about trials and tests?
4. What happens to our Faith when we are tested?
5. Look up the Word Perseverance, and summarize it
6. Define what Faith is? and Why is it important?
7. James 1:19: "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." In this verse it mentions the importance of listening, and not becoming angry quickly, why are these important?
8. Faith without _____ is dead.
9. What is powerful and effective? (Verse 5:16)
10. What does the testing of our Faith develop? (Verse 1:2-3)

Practical Application: We are to walk by Faith, not by sight. Making sure we apply what we read and hear of YAHUVEH GODS Word, in our daily lives, our daily walks as we strive to be Holy unto HIM and obey HIM. During trials and tests, we should consider it joyful as HE is strengthening our Faith which is necessary to see HIM. To be with HIM one day, we must be Faith water walkers. We have to be tested, and go through the fire, this is all for our good. We can see trials as an opportunity to grow and learn. Another important lesson in the Book of James, is the importance of praying, and also resisiting temptaions when they come. We also see how important it is, to listen well, and not get easily angry. Self-control. We see the dangers of Doubting and what it does. We also, see that Wisdom is very important to have, and we should pray for it each day. Lastly we must be doers of the word, putting it into Obedience.

What thing's can you take away from this study?