

James

1 – James 1 (if time, read all 5 chapters)

Who is the author? (See [Matthew 13:55](#); [1 Corinthians 15:7](#); [Galatians 1:19](#); [Galatians 2:9](#); [Acts 12:17](#); [Acts 15:13](#); and [Jude 1](#)) What authority would he have?

2 – James 1:1-8—Develops Perseverance

Why would James say “to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations”? What kinds of trials were they facing? What are we “lacking”? What can we do about it? When is doubt okay? When is it wrong? What is a “double-minded” person?

3 – James 1:9-12—High & Low Positions

When is pride okay? What makes it sinful? What is the warning to the proud who is rich? Is the warning different from the proud who is poor?

4 – James 1:13-15—God Tempts No One

Why do we blame God when bad things happen? Why don't we give God the credit when good things happen? What do we know about temptations?

5 – James 1:16-18—Every Good Gift

Why are we deceived? How are we deceived? What does it mean to be “a kind of first-fruits of all He created”? What difference does this make / should this make?

6 – James 1:19-21—Quick... Slow

How are you quick? How are you slow? When is each one the proper way to be? How is God's righteous life brought about in our lives?

7 – James 1:22-27—Do It!

How do we deceive ourselves? What does this teach about “the mirror of God's Law”? How does “the perfect law” give freedom? How can we “keep a tight rein on our tongue”? What is religion that God accepts?

8 – James 2 (If Time, Read All 5 Chapters)

How would you summarize the book of James (all 5 chapters) in one sentence?

9 – James 2:1-7—No Favoritism

Why do we tend to show favoritism? Why doesn't God show favoritism? How can we be more like God in our dealings / feelings toward others?

10 – James 2:8-13—Stumbles At Just One Point

What is the “royal law”? Why is it called “royal”? Why do we want to pick and choose what parts of the Law we seek to obey? How does “the law give freedom” as well as “judges”? How does “mercy triumph over judgment”?

11 – James 2:14-19—Faith And Deeds

How do faith and deeds work together? What is “living faith”? What is “dead faith”? What kind of “faith” do the devils also have? What benefit is that kind of faith?

12 – James 2:20-27—Not By Faith Alone

What makes the reader “foolish”? How was Abraham “considered righteous”? By his faith or by his actions? (or both?) What is the important message of being “justified by what he does and not by faith alone”? Isn't this contrary to [Romans 3:28](#)?

13 – James 3 (If Time, Read All 5 Chapters)

Have you noticed the “opposites”? high / low positions; listening / doing; faith / deeds; earthly wisdom / heavenly wisdom; proud / humble; laughter / mourning; yes / no; trouble / happy...

14 – James 3:1-12—Taming The Tongue

Why will teachers be judged more strictly? Who is a “teacher”? How can we “tame” our tongue? What interesting comparisons!

15 – James 3:13-18—Heavenly Wisdom

who is “wise and understanding”? How is this very different from the world’s definition? How does the “wisdom come from heaven”? How can we be “peacemakers”?

16 – James 4 (If Time, Read All 5 Chapters)

What were some major issues that James addresses in these chapters? How do we see them in our day also?

17 – James 4:1-6—Friendship With God

What causes fights and quarrels? How can they be avoided / resolved? “Adulterous people”?! Is this true? Note: “But He gives us more grace”! How do we daily benefit from His grace?

18 – James 4:7-12—He Will Lift You Up

What does it mean to “submit”? What does it mean to be “double-minded”? How does the Lord, “lift us up”? What does it mean to “judge our neighbor”?

19 – James 4:13-17—This Life Is A Mist

How full is your calendar of things you have planned? What do these verses say about our plans? What should they include? How “misty” is your life?

20 – James 5 (If Time, Read All 5 Chapters)

What did you read this time through all 5 chapters that you didn’t notice the first 4 times? (God’s Word is wonderful - always more precious “gems” every time we read it!)

21 – James 5:1-6—Warning To The Rich

Why the warning to the rich? Is it wrong to be rich? What is the definition of being “rich”? What temptations come especially to those who are rich?

22 – James 5:7-12—Patience In Suffering

What does it mean that farmers are “patient”? Was Job really “patient” in his suffering? What is God’s message through these examples? “Do not swear” - how is this possible? Why only can obey this?

23 – James 5:13-18—Prayer And Praise

Why / when should we pray? What is “anoint with oil in the name of the Lord”? What “healing” is this talking about? What does the example of Elijah give us about prayer?

24 – James 5:19-20—Care For Brother & Sister

Who are “my brothers”? Who does that include today? How are these verses a great summary of the entire book?