

A Letter From

JAMES

From James a servant of God
And the Lord Jesus Christ

Greetings to the twelve tribes
Scattered among nations

My fellow believers count it all joy
When encountering various trials for
Testing of your faith improves patience

But let patience work to its perfected end
So that you may be entirely complete
And thus will be lacking nothing

If any lacks wisdom let them ask God
Which gives to each generously
And it will be given to them
If they will ask in faith
Without wavering

One who wavers is like ocean waves
Driven and tossed with the winds

Do not let that one think they will
Receive anything from the Lord
For one that's double minded
Is unstable in all their ways

Let the lowly believer rejoice
In that they are exalted in God

But let the rich ones rejoice
In their humility in God because
They pass away as flowers of grass

For the sun rises with a burning heat
And grass withers and the flower falls
Along with all grace of its loveliness so
The rich will fade away in all their ways

Blessed are they who persevere in trials

JAMES 1

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraid not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for

For after they are tested they'll receive
The crown of life which the Lord has
Promised to those which love Him

Let no one say when tempted
They were tempted by God

For God can't be tempted with evil
Neither does He tempt anyone

But every one is tempted when
Drawn by their own lust
They are enticed

Then after lust is conceived
It brings forth the sin and
Sin when it is finished
Brings forth death

Do not make any mistake my dear ones
Every good gift and each perfect gift
Is from above then comes down
From the Father of lights and
In Him is no variableness
Nor a trace of change

He birthed us by His will
With the Word of Truth
That we would be as
A type of firstfruits
Of His creations

Be slow to speak
Slow to become angry
Quick to listen and understand

For the anger of man cannot
Express the virtue of God

Therefore lay aside all filthiness
And any flood of bad behavior
And receive with meekness
The embedded Word that
Is able to save your soul

Be doers of the Word

when he is **tried**, he **shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

13 **Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God:**

for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 **But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.**

15 **Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.**

16 **Do not err, my beloved brethren.**

17 **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

18 **Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man **be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:**

20 **For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.**

21 Wherefore **lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

22 But **be ye doers of the word, and not hearers**

Not hearers only thus
Deceiving your selves

If one is only a hearer of God's Word
It is like a man gazing in a mirror
For he observes himself yet
He goes on his way and
Forgets who he was

But look into the perfect law of liberty
And continue there while not being
A forgetful hearer but a doer and
You'll be blessed in every deed

Those among you who
Seem to be religious yet
Don't restrain their tongue
Deceive their own heart and
Their religion is vain and futile

Pure religion with God
Is to visit the fatherless and
The widows in their afflictions and
To keep oneself unstained by the world

JAMES 2

Don't profess the faith of our Lord
While respecting only certain people

For if a man comes into your assembly
With a gold ring in fancy apparel and
Also a poor man in ragged clothes
And you respect the nice clothes
And say Sit here in a good spot
And tell the poor Stand there
You're unfair in yourselves
And have become judges
Amid your evil thoughts

God chose the poor of this world
To be rich in their faith and
Heirs of that kingdom
Promised to them
That love Him

only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a **hearer of the word**, and not a doer, he is like unto a man **beholding** his natural face in a **glass**:

24 For he **beholdeth** himself, and **goeth his way**, and straightway **forgetteth what manner of man he was**.

25 **But** whoso **looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer** of the work, this man **shall be blessed in his deed**.

26 If any man **among you seem to be religious**, and **bridleth not his tongue**, but **deceiveth his own heart**, this man's **religion is vain**.

27 **Pure religion** and undefiled before **God** and the Father **is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world**.

JAMES 2

1 My brethren, have not **the faith of our Lord** Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with **respect of persons**.

2 **For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;**

3 **And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:**

4 **Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?**

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not **God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom** which he hath **promised to them that love him?**

But some have despised the poor

Yet the rich are those who oppress you
Drag you before the judge in court
And curse that worthy Name
By which you are called

You'll be doing well
If you fulfill the royal law
According to the scripture to
Love your neighbor as yourself

But if you respect only certain people
The law has proven you to be a sinner
For whoever tries to keep the whole law
But disobeys one point is guilty of all of it

So speak and act as those that
Will be judged by the law of liberty
Where mercy triumphs over judgment

For he that has shown no mercy
Will be judged without any mercy

Though a man says he has faith
Yet doesn't have good deeds
Faith can't profit him then
Won't save him either

If one is wearing tattered rags
And is destitute without food
And one of you should say
May you find warmth and
Be filled and go in peace
While not giving what is
Essential for their body
What are they gaining

Faith not accompanied by works is dead

Some say You have faith but I have works

I say Show me your faith without your works
And I will show you my faith by my works

6 **But** ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and **draw** you before the **judgment seats**?

7 Do not they **blaspheme** that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 **If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture**, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well**:

9 **But if ye** have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are **convicted** of the law as **transgressors**.

10 **For whosoever** shall **keep the whole law**, and yet **offend** in **one point**, he **is guilty of all**.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So **speak** ye, and so **do**, as they **that shall be judged by the law of liberty**.

13 **For he** shall have **judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy**; and **mercy rejoiceth against judgment**.

14 What doth it **profit**, my brethren, **though a man say he hath faith**, and **have not works**? **can faith save him**?

15 **If** a brother or sister be **naked, and destitute of daily food**,

16 **And one of you say** unto them, **Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled**; notwithstanding ye **give them not** those **things** which are **needful** to the **body**; **what** doth it **profit**?

17 Even so **faith**, if it hath **not works, is dead**, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may **say, Thou hast faith, and I have works**: **shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works**.

You believe there is only one God
The devils do as well and tremble
But belief without actions is dead

Abraham passed the test by his works
By offering his son Isaac on the altar
Faith generated his actions while
His actions perfected his faith

Scripture was fulfilled that said
Abraham believed God and thus
He was accredited righteousness
And so then called a Friend of God

You see then how one is justified
By works also and not by faith only

Rahab the harlot was justified by works
When she received the messengers
Then sent them out another way
To protect them from danger

As the body without the spirit is dead
So faith without works is also dead

JAMES 3

Not many of you should choose to lead
Leaders are given greater condemnation
Since in many things we offend everyone

If one does not offend with words
They are a perfect person then
Able to bridle the whole body

We put bits in the horses' mouths
In order to make them obey us and
We can turn around their whole body

Also ships which though they're so great
And are driven of fierce winds are still
Turned about with one small rudder

So the tongue is a little body part
And yet boasting such great things

19 **Thou believest** that **there is one God**; thou doest well: **the devils** also believe, **and tremble**.

20 **But** wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead**?

21 Was not **Abraham** our father **justified by works**, when he had **offered Isaac his son upon the altar**?

22 Seest thou how **faith wrought** with **his works**, and by **works** was **faith** made **perfect**?

23 And the **scripture was fulfilled** which **saith**, **Abraham believed God**, and it was **imputed** unto him for **righteousness**: and he was called **the Friend of God**.

24 **Ye see then how** that **by works** a man is **justified**, and **not by faith only**.

25 Likewise also **was not Rahab the harlot justified by works**, when she had **received the messengers**, and had **sent them out another way**?

26 For **as the body without the spirit is dead**, so **faith without works is dead also**.

JAMES 3

1 My brethren, be **not many masters**, knowing that we shall receive the **greater condemnation**.

2 **For in many things we offend** all. **If** any man **offend not in word**, the same is a **perfect man**, and **able also to bridle the whole body**.

3 Behold, **we put bits in the horses' mouths**, that they may **obey us**; and **we turn about their whole body**.

4 Behold **also the ships**, which though they be **so great**, and **are driven of fierce winds**, yet **are they turned about with a very small helm**, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even **so the tongue is a little member**, and **boasteth great things**. Behold, how **great a matter a**

A little fire sparks a very great matter

The tongue is a fire
A world of wickedness

The tongue is set on fire by hell
And it pollutes the whole body then
Can set on fire the course of one's life

For every kind of animal bird and fish
Has been tamed by man however
No man can tame the tongue

It is a wild evil full of all deadly poison
That we bless God the Father with
And with which we curse men
Made in that image of God
Out of our mouths come
Blessing with cursing

Can a spring give sweet and bitter water
Can the fig tree bear olives or a vine figs
So no fountain yields fresh and salt water

A wise man among you
Endowed with knowledge
Shows by good conversation
His works using humble wisdom

But bitter envy and strife in your heart
This isn't the wisdom from above but
Is earthly self centered and demonic

For where there's envying and strife
There's confusion and every evil work

But the wisdom which comes from above
Is first pure then agreeable and gentle
Easy to approach and full of mercy
Without partiality and hypocrisy

Peacemakers plant seeds of peace
And reap a harvest of righteousness

little fire **kindleth!**

6 And **the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity:** so is **the tongue** among our members, that it **defileth the whole body,** and **setteth on fire the course of nature;** and it is set on fire of hell.

7 **For every kind of beasts,** and of **birds,** and of serpents, and of **things in the sea,** is tamed, and **hath been tamed of mankind:**

8 **But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.**

9 Therewith **bless we God,** even **the Father;** and therewith **curse we men,** which are **made after the similitude of God.**

10 **Out of the same mouth** proceedeth **blessing** and **cursing.** My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth **a fountain** send forth at the same place **sweet water and bitter?**

12 **Can the fig tree,** my brethren, **bear olive berries?** either **a vine, figs?** so can **no fountain** both **yield salt water and fresh.**

13 Who is **a wise man** and **endued with knowledge among you?** let him **shew** out of a **good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.**

14 **But** if ye have **bitter envying and strife in your hearts,** glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 **This wisdom** descendeth **not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.**

16 **For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.**

17 **But the wisdom** that is **from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,** and **easy** to be **intreated, full of mercy** and good fruits, **without partiality,** and without **hypocrisy.**

18 And the **fruit of righteousness** is **sown** in **peace** of them that **make peace.**

JAMES 4

The wars and fighting among you
Come from lusts that war inside you

You lust and still you do not have
You kill desiring to have and yet can't
You fight and war and yet you don't have

You don't have for you don't ask
Or you ask and don't receive
For you are asking amiss
To spend it on your lust

You adulterer and adulteress
Friendship with the world
Is the enemy of God

Do you think the scripture says in vain
The Spirit living in us longs jealously

But God gives more abundant grace

God resists the proud yet
Gives grace to the humble

Submit yourselves therefore to God
Resist the devil and he'll flee from you
Draw near God and He'll draw near you

Purify your hearts you double minded
Cleanse your hands you sinner and
Be afflicted and mourn and weep
Turn your laughter to mourning
And your joys into heaviness

Humble yourselves in
The sight of the Lord
And He'll lift you up

Don't speak evil of one another
He that speaks evil of his brother
And thus judges his brother is then
Speaking evil of and judging the law

A judge of the law is not a doer of the law

JAMES 4

1 From whence come **wars and fightings among you?** **come** they not hence, even of your **lusts that war in your** members?

2 **Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot** obtain: **ye fight and war, yet ye have not**, because **ye ask not**.

3 **Ye ask, and receive not**, because **ye ask amiss**, that ye may **consume** it upon your lusts.

4 **Ye adulterers and adulteresses**, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity** with **God**? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

5 **Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?**

6 **But he giveth more grace**. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud**, but **giveth grace unto the humble**.

7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.**

Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

9 **Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep**: let your **laughter** be **turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness**.

10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

11 **Speak not evil one of another**, brethren. **He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law**: but if thou **judge the law**, thou art **not a doer of the law**, but a judge.

There is one Lawgiver who
Is able to save and to destroy
Who are you that judges another

You that say Today or tomorrow
We will move to this city for a year
Then buy and sell and make a profit
You don't know what tomorrow brings
For what's your life except merely vapor
That appears for a moment and vanishes

You ought to say If the Lord wills
We will live and do this or that

But you rejoice in your boasting
And all such rejoicing is evil

So if you know to do good
And do not do that
Then you sin

JAMES 5

For miseries about to come on you
You rich men will weep and wail
Your clothes are moth eaten
As your riches are corrupt

Your gold and silver spreads like disease
As the rust of them witness against you
And so will eat your flesh as if it's fire

You hoarded treasure for the last days
While the salaries of the laborers
Who've worked in your fields
You've withheld by fraud
Who are crying out to
The Lord of all the
Heaven's armies
Who now hears

You have lived in pleasure on the earth
And been unrestrained in your luxury
And so nourished your own hearts

12 **There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?**

13 Go to now, **ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:**

14 Whereas **ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life?** It is even **a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**

15 For that **ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

16 **But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.**

17 Therefore to him that **knoweth to do good, and doeth it not,** to him it is **sin.**

JAMES 5

1 Go to now, **ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries** that shall **come upon you.**

2 **Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.**

3 **Your gold and silver is cankered;** and **the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire.**

Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

4 Behold, **the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth:** and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the **ears of the Lord of sabaoth.**

5 **Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton;** ye have **nourished your hearts, as in a day**

As if for the day of slaughtering

You condemned and killed the just
And they did not even resist you

Be patient for the coming Day of the Lord
As farmers wait for earth's precious fruit
And must have great patience for it till
They receive the early and latter rain

Establish your hearts
For the Lord's coming
Is already drawing near

Don't resent one another
In case you are condemned
As the Judge stands at the door

The prophets are an example of
Suffering affliction and of patience

All those which endure will be happy

You have heard of the patience of Job
And have seen the outcome of the Lord
All His compassion and His tender mercy

Above all things as believers don't swear
Either by heaven nor by the earth
Neither by any other oath

Let your Yes mean Yes
And let your No mean No
Lest you fall under judgment

If any is afflicted let them pray
If any is merry let them sing songs
If any is sick let them ask church elders

They'll pray over them
Anointing them with oil
In the name of the Lord
And so the prayer of faith
Will save those who are sick
And the Lord will raise them up
And their sins will be forgiven them

of slaughter.

6 **Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.**

7 **Be patient** therefore, brethren, unto **the coming of the Lord**. Behold, the **husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.**

8 Be ye also patient; **stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

9 **Grudge not one against another**, brethren, lest ye be **condemned**: behold, **the judge standeth before the door.**

10 Take, my brethren, **the prophets**, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for **an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.**

11 Behold, we count them **happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord**; that the Lord is very **pitiful, and of tender mercy.**

12 But **above all things**, my **brethren**, **swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath**: but **let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.**

13 **Is any** among you **afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.**

14 **Is any sick** among you? **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 of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**

Confess your faults one to another then
Pray for each other so you'll be healed

The effective fervent prayer
Of one righteous person
Accomplishes much

Elijah was a man having a nature like ours
Yet he prayed earnestly that it not rain
And so it did not rain on the earth
For three and one half years

He prayed again so the heavens rained
And then earth brought forth her fruit

If any of you will stray from the Truth
And one of you brings them back
The one who rescues a sinner
From the error of their ways
Saving a soul from death
Hides multitudes of sin

16 **Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.**

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 **Elias was a man subject to like passions** as we are, and **he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth** by the space of **three years and six months.**

18 **And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.**

19 Brethren, **if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert** him;

20 Let him know, that he which **converteth** the **sinner from the error of his way** shall **save a soul from death**, and shall **hide a multitude of sins.**