

**1** James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.

**2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sister, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **6** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

**9** Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. **10** But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. **11** For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

#### V 1 Historical Context

- Name..Slave of God
  - Around AD 60's
  - “James the Just”
  - Became follower after resurrection

#### V. 2-5

- Pure joy...trials (2)
  - Command: as an opportunity
  - “Whenever” not much room
- Because you know... (3)
  - Testing produces perseverance
    - (1 Peter 1:6-7)
- Let finish...mature (4)
  - Not lacking ...whoever lacks (5)
    - Ask God

#### Vv. 6-8 a warning

- Jesus warned about the exclusive nature of following Him (Matt 6:24)
- Asking like that proves Double Minded and unstable
- Indecisive regarding God

#### Vv. 9-11 An example of this Wisdom

- Humble in high position
- Rich...take pride, in low position

## Recap

- Trials as opportunities for truth and faith in God
- Ask for God's wisdom in Christ
- Take pride in the right things
  - **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 4:4-8)

James Series (Starts Dec 28)	Bible Studies	Events
James (The Art of Christian Living) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Testing and Joy (1:1-11)</li> <li>- Temptation Works vs. Gospel Works (1:12-18)</li> <li>- Talking Gospel &amp; Listening to God (1:19-27)</li> <li>- Playing Church &amp; Favorites (2:1-13)</li> <li>- Faith Works (2:14-26)</li> <li>- The Spiritual Disciple of Watching Your Mouth (3:1-18)</li> <li>- The Spiritual Discipline of fighting well (4:1-12)</li> <li>- The Spiritual Discipline of not loving wealth (4:13-5:6)</li> <li>- The Spiritual Discipline of Suffering well (5:7-12)</li> <li>- Fearless Healing Prayer (5:13-20)</li> </ul>	Wed. Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Break for Christmas and New Years.</li> <li>- Starts back Jan. 7 @ 7pm</li> </ul> Sun (Dec. 28) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preaching series covering the Book of James Begins</li> </ul> Sat (Jan. 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women's Fellowship</li> </ul> Sun (Jan. 18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Member Class/Church Covenant Class (all welcome)</li> <li>- After Church</li> <li>- With Rev. Chestnut &amp; Rev. Dennis</li> </ul> Stay up on Studies and Resources <a href="https://www.redemption-church.net/">https://www.redemption-church.net/</a>	Alpha Bible Study (In-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dec. 27</li> <li>- Saturdays 5-7:00 pm</li> <li>- At Soden home</li> </ul> Sun (Jan. 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Congregational Meeting (After Church)</li> </ul> Sunday (Jan. 25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fellowship Sunday</li> <li>- Visiting a Church Plant</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.ethnoshouston.org/">https://www.ethnoshouston.org/</a> <b>Sundays - 10:15 am</b> Ashford Elementary School 1815 Shannon Valley Dr. Houston, TX 77077

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