

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

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