

*The Epistle of the Apostle*  
**JAMES**

**James 1**

*1 We are to rejoice under the cross, 5 to ask patience of God, 13 and in our trials not to impute our weakness, or sins, to Him.*

1 ¶ James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion, greeting:

2 ¶ My brothers count *it* all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith works enduring patience.

4 But let enduring patience have its perfective work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from God, the *One* giving to all bountifully and not reproaching, and it will be given to Him.

6 But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For the *one* doubting *is* like a wave of the sea, being driven by wind and being tossed;

7 for do not let that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 *he is* a double-souled man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But let the lowly brother rejoice in his exaltation;

10 and the rich *one* sorrow in his humiliation, because he will pass away like the flower of the grass.

11 For the sun rose with the burning heat and dried up the grass, and its flower fell out, and the beauty of its appearance perished; so also the rich *one* will fade away in his journeys. *Isa. 40:6, 7*

12 Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation, because, becoming approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to the *ones* loving Him.

13 ¶ Let no one being tempted say, I am tempted from God. For God is not temptable by evils, and He tempts no one.

14 But each *one* is tempted by *his* own lusts, being drawn out and being enticed by *them*.

15 Then, having conceived, lust brings forth sin. And sin being fully formed brings forth death.

16 Do not go astray, my beloved brothers,

17 every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom is not *any* change or shadow of turning.

18 Having purposed, He brought us forth by the Word of truth, for us to be a certain firstfruit of His creatures.

19 ¶ So that, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

20 For the wrath of man does not fully work the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of evil, in meekness receive the implanted Word, the *one* being able to save your souls.

22 But become doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 Because if anyone *is* a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, this one is like a man observing the face of his birth in a mirror;

24 for he observed himself, and has gone away, and immediately *he* forgot what sort he was.

25 But the *one* having looked into the perfect law of liberty, and having continued *in it*, this one not having become a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in his doing.

26 If anyone thinks to be religious among you, yet not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, this *one's* religion *is* vain.

27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father *is* this: to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself without blemish from the world.

## James 2

*1 We are not to regard the rich man nor despise the poor, 13 but rather to be loving, and merciful.*

1 ¶ My brothers, do not in partiality have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *Lord* of glory.

2 For if a gold-fingered man in splendid clothing comes into your synagogue, and a poor *one* in dirty clothing also comes in;

3 and you look on the *one* wearing the splendid clothing, and say to him, You sit here well; and to the poor *one* you say, You stand there, or, Sit down here under my footstool;

4 did you not also discriminate among yourselves and become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hear, my beloved brothers, did not God choose the poor *ones* of this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to the *ones* loving Him?

6 But you dishonored the poor *man*. Do not the rich *ones* oppress you, and they drag you to judgment seats?

7 Do they not blaspheme the good Name, the *one* being called on you?

8 ¶ If you truly fulfill *the* royal Law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. *Lev. 19:18*

9 But if you have partiality you work sin, being convicted by the Law as transgressors.

10 For whoever shall keep all the Law, but stumbles in one, he has become guilty of all.

11 For the *One* who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." *Ex. 20:14, 13; Deut. 5:18, 17* But if you do not commit adultery, but commit murder, you have become a transgressor of *the* Law.

12 So speak and so do as being about to be judged through a law of liberty.

13 For judgment *will be* without mercy to the *one* not doing mercy. And mercy rejoices over judgment.

14 ¶ My brothers, what *is* the gain if any one says he has faith, but he does not have

works? Is the faith able to save him?

15 But if a brother or a sister is naked and may be lacking in daily food,

16 and any one of you say to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, but does not give them the things the body needs, what benefit *is it*?

17 So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead being by itself.

18 But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith out of my works.

19 You believe that God is One. You do well; even the demons believe and shudder.

20 But are you willing to know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is dead?

21 Was not our father Abraham justified by works offering up his son Isaac on the altar? *Gen. 22:9*

22 You see that faith worked with his works; and out of the works the faith was made complete.

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled, saying, "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted for righteousness to him;" and he was called Friend of God. *Gen. 15:6; Isa. 41:8*

24 You see then that a man is justified out of works and not out of faith only.

25 But in the same way Rahab the harlot was also justified out of works, receiving the messengers and sending *them* out by another way.

26 For as the body is dead apart from the spirit, so also faith is dead apart from works.

## James 3

*1 We are not rashly or arrogantly to reprove others, 5 but rather to bridle the tongue. 13 They who be truly wise are mild and peaceable.*

1 ¶ My brothers, do not become many teachers, knowing that we will receive greater judgment.

2 For we all stumble *in* many ways. If any one does not stumble in word, this *one* is a mature man, able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the mouths of the horses, for them to obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold, the ships also, being so great, and being driven by rough winds, *they are* directed by a very small rudder, where the impulse of the *one* steering purposes.

5 So also the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how little a fire kindles how large a forest!

6 And the tongue *is* a fire, the world of unrighteousness. So the tongue is set among our members, defiling the whole body, and inflaming the course of nature, and being inflamed by Hell.

7 For every species of beasts, both indeed of birds, of creeping things, and of sea animals, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human nature;

8 but no one of men is able to tame the tongue; *it is* an unrestrainable evil, full of death-bringing poison.

9 By this we bless God and *the* Father; and by this we curse men, the *ones* having come into being according to *the* image of God. *Gen. 1:26*

10 Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, it is not fitting *for* these things to be so.

11 The fountain does not send forth the sweet and the bitter out of the same hole, *does it?*

12 My brothers, a fig tree is not able to produce olives, or a vine figs. So neither *can* a fountain produce both salt and sweet water.

13 ¶ Who *is* a wise *one* and knowing among you? Let him show his works by *his* good behavior, in meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and contention in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but *is* earthly, natural, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and contention *are*, there *is* confusion and every evil deed.

17 But the wisdom from above is firstly truly pure, then peaceable, gentle, yielding, full of mercy and of good fruits, not partial and not pretended.

18 And *the* fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for the *ones* making peace.

## James 4

*1 We are to strive against covetousness, 4 intemperance, and rash judgment of others, 13 to commit all our affairs to God's providence.*

1 ¶ From where do wars and fightings among you *come*? *Is it* not from this, from your lusts, the *ones* warring in your members?

2 You desire and do not have. You murder, and are jealous, and are not able to obtain. You fight and you war, and you do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask, and do not receive, because you ask badly, in order that you may spend on your pleasures.

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is hostility *toward* God? Therefore whoever purposes to be a friend of the world is put down *as* a hostile *one* to God.

5 Or do you think that vainly the Scripture says, The spirit which has dwelt in us yearns to envy?

6 But He gives greater grace. Because of this it says, "God sets *Himself* against proud *ones*, but He gives grace to humble *ones*." *Prov. 3:34*

7 Therefore be subject to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, sinners! And purify *your* hearts, double-souled *ones*!

9 Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy into shame.

10 Be humbled before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

11 ¶ Do not speak against one another, brothers. The *one* speaking against a brother, and judging a brother, *he* speaks against Law, and judges Law. But if you judge Law, you are not a doer of Law, but a judge.

12 One is the Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy; who are you who judges the other?

13 Come now, the *ones* saying, Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and we will spend one year there, and we will trade and will make a profit,

14 who do not know of the morrow. For what *is* your life? For it is a mist,

which for a little *is* appearing, and then disappearing. *Ps. 94:11*

15 Instead of you saying, If the Lord wills, even we will live, and we will do this or that;

16 but now you boast in your presumptions. All such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, to *anyone* knowing to do good, and not doing *it*, it is sin to him.

### **James 5**

*1 Wicked rich men are to fear God's vengeance.*

*7 We ought to be patient in afflictions.*

1 ¶ Come now, rich *ones*, weep, howling over your miseries, the *ones* coming upon *you*.

2 Your riches have rotted, and your garments have become moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver have become corroded, and their poison will be a testimony to you, and will eat your flesh as a fire. You heaped treasure in *the* last days.

4 Behold, the wages of the workmen having reaped your fields cry out, being kept back by you. And the cries of the *ones* having reaped have entered "into the ears of *the* Lord of Hosts." *Isa. 5:9*

5 You lived luxuriously on the earth, and lived for self-pleasure; you nourished your hearts as in a day of slaughter;

6 you condemned; you murdered the righteous *one*; he does not resist you.

7 Therefore, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer awaits for the precious fruit, being patient over it until it may receive *the* early and the latter rain.

8 You also be patient. Set your hearts firmly, because the coming of the Lord has drawn near.

9 Do not murmur against one another, brothers, that you not be judged. Behold, *the* Judge stands before the door.

10 My brothers, *as* an example of suffering ill, and of long-suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of *the* Lord.

11 Behold, we call blessed the *ones* enduring. You have heard of the patience of Job, and you saw *the* end of the Lord, "that the Lord is full of compassion and merciful." *Psa. 103:8*

12 ¶ But before all *things*, my brothers, do not swear, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor any other oath; but let *your* yes be yes, and the no, no; that you may not fall under judgment.

13 Does anyone suffer hardships among you? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him praise in song.

14 Is any among you feeble? Let him call the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the *one* being sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he may have committed sin, it will be forgiven him.

16 Confess to one another the deviations *from the Law*, and pray for one another, that you may be healed; being very strong, *the* prayer of a righteous *one* works effectually.

17 Elijah was a man of like feeling to us, and he prayed in prayer *for it* not to rain; and it did not rain on the earth three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout.

19 If anyone among you goes astray from the truth, brothers, and anyone turns him back,

20 know that the *one* turning back a sinner from *the* error of his way will save *the* soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.