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James 1:1-18

Part 4



¹James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings. ²Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various **trials**. ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, ⁸being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; ¹⁰and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. ¹¹For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away. ¹²Blessed is a man who perseveres under **trial**; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

¹³Let no one say when he is **tempted**, "I am being **tempted** by God"; for God cannot be **tempted** by evil, and He Himself does not **tempt** anyone. ¹⁴But each one is tempted when he is carried away and **enticed** by his own **lust**. ¹⁵Then when **lust** has conceived, it gives **birth to sin**, and when sin is accomplished, it **brings forth death**. ¹⁶Do not be **deceived**, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the **Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. ¹⁸In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

I believe God:

- is making me like Jesus.
- wants to give me wisdom.
- will reward me.
- is a good father.



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