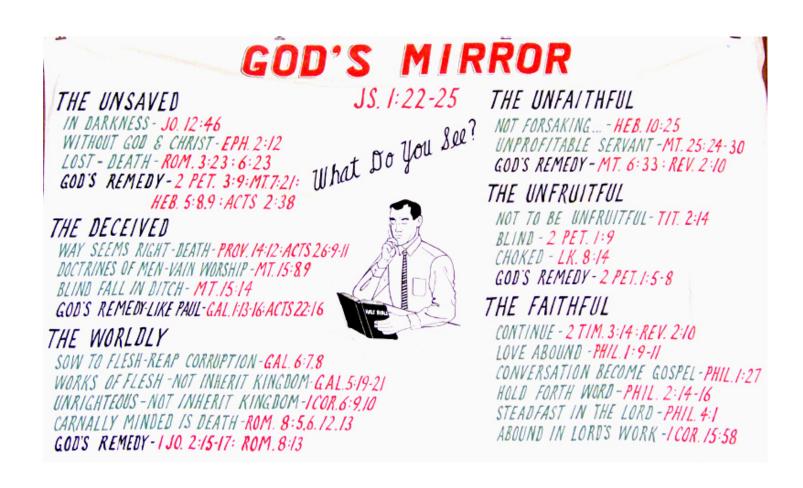
The Book of James

The Character of a Mature Christian

Lesson One — James Chapter One



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James 1 –Outline and Study Questions:

Introduction

•	Saluta	tion (1:1)
	_	How many men named "James" are in the New Testament?
	_	Which of these is the writer of this epistle?
	_	Consider some texts dealing with the life of James, the brother of the Lord.
		• Matt. 13:53-55
		• John 7:5
		• I Cor. 15:7
		• Acts 1:14
		• Acts 12:2, 17
		• Acts 15:13-29
		• Acts 21:18ff
		• Gal. 1:19; 2:12
	_	Do we get any indication as to the circumstances of the initial readers of this book?
	_	How does James identify himself?
	_	To whom does James write? (cf. Acts 8:1-4; 11:19ff)
	_	How does James greet his readers? (cf. Acts 15:27)
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•	Perse	verance in trials produces mature Christians. (1:2-4, 12)
	-	With what attitude should Christians endure various kinds of trials?
	-	What is the "end product" of faithfully endured trials?
	_	What is the meaning of "perfect" in this context?
	_	Compare Rom. 5:3-5 and I Pet. 1:5-9 with Js. 1:2-4.
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	_	How does verse 12 relate to verses 2-4?

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What kind of hearer will be blessed by God?	
Give three practical applications of true religion:	
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Addendum: Echoes of the Sermon On The Mount In The Book of James: Rejoice and be glad in your trials. (Matthew 5:10-12; James 1:2) Be perfect and complete. (Matthew 5:48; James 1:4) Ask your good and wise God who loves to give good things. (Matthew 7:7-11; James 1:5, 17) Avoid sinful anger before a righteous God. (Matthew 5:22; James 1:20) Be doers, not just hearers, of the word. (Matthew 7:24-27; James 1:22) God's heart for the poor in the kingdom. (Matthew 5:3,5; James 2:5) The necessity of righteousness. (Matthew 5:20; James 2:10) Mercy to the merciful. (Matthew 5:7; James 2:13) Recognize them by their fruits. (Matthew 7:16; James 3:12) Blessed are the peacemakers. (Matthew 5:9; James 3:18) Ask and receive. (Matthew 7:7-8; James 4:2-3) You cannot serve God and be friends with the world. (Matthew 6:24; James 4:4) Blessed are the mourners. (Matthew 5:4; James 4;9-10) Be slow to judge. (Matthew 7:1-5; James 4:11-12) God's provision for tomorrow. (Matthew 6:34; James 4:13-14) Do not lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy. (Matt. 6:19; James 5:2-5) The example of the prophets. (Matthew 5:12; James 5:10) Do not swear oaths. (Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:12)