

The Book of James

The Character of a Mature Christian

Lesson One – James Chapter One

GOD'S MIRROR

What Do You See?

THE UNSAVED
IN DARKNESS - JO. 12:46
WITHOUT GOD & CHRIST - EPH. 2:12
LOST - DEATH - ROM. 3:23: 6:23
GOD'S REMEDY - 2 PET. 3:9: MT. 7:21:
HEB. 5:8,9: ACTS 2:38


THE DECEIVED
WAY SEEMS RIGHT - DEATH - PROV. 14:12: ACTS 26:9-11
DOCTRINES OF MEN - VAIN WORSHIP - MT. 15:8,9
BLIND FALL IN DITCH - MT. 15:14
GOD'S REMEDY - LIKE PAUL - GAL. 1:13-16: ACTS 22:16

THE WORLDLY
SOW TO FLESH - REAP CORRUPTION - GAL. 6:7,8
WORKS OF FLESH - NOT INHERIT KINGDOM - GAL. 5:19-21
UNRIGHTEOUS - NOT INHERIT KINGDOM - 1 COR. 6:9,10
CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH - ROM. 8:5,6,12,13
GOD'S REMEDY - 1 JO. 2:15-17: ROM. 8:13

THE UNFAITHFUL
NOT FORSAKING... - HEB. 10:25
UNPROFITABLE SERVANT - MT. 25:24-30
GOD'S REMEDY - MT. 6:33: REV. 2:10

THE UNFRUITFUL
NOT TO BE UNFRUITFUL - TIT. 2:14
BLIND - 2 PET. 1:9
CHOKED - LK. 8:14
GOD'S REMEDY - 2 PET. 1:5-8

THE FAITHFUL
CONTINUE - 2 TIM. 3:14: REV. 2:10
LOVE ABOUND - PHIL. 1:9-11
CONVERSATION BECOME GOSPEL - PHIL. 1:27
HOLD FORTH WORD - PHIL. 2:14-16
STEADFAST IN THE LORD - PHIL. 4:1
ABOUND IN LORD'S WORK - 1 COR. 15:58



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James 1 –Outline and Study Questions:

Introduction

- Salutation (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) _____
- Theme of the book: (1:2-4) **THE CHARACTER OF A MATURE CHRISTIAN**
 - Read through the book and identify as many character traits of a mature Christian as you can.
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- Perseverance 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? _____

- What does God give to those that love him? _____

The Character of a Mature Christian:

- **A mature Christian seeks wisdom from God.** (1:5-8)
 - How would you describe/define wisdom? _____
 - Who is the ultimate source of wisdom? _____
 - How is wisdom needed as we endure trials? _____
 - How does God give wisdom? _____
 - What is required of one who would seek wisdom from God? _____
 - Who should not think that he will receive anything of the Lord? _____
 - What is a double-minded person, and what illustration from the natural world does James use to illustrate? _____
- **A mature Christian has the proper perspective of this world's goods.** (1:9-11)
 - How can poverty and wealth provide tests in the life of a child of God? _____
 - Who is the brother of low degree? In what should he rejoice?

 - In what should the rich (rejoice)?

 - To what does James compare the temporary nature of material things? What O.T. passage is quoted here? _____
- **A mature Christian recognizes the source and course of sin.** (1:13-15)
 - What is the connection between the various trials of life and temptation to commit sin?
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 - Why should no one say that he is tempted by God? _____
 - How does James describe the process of temptation and sin in verses 14-15?
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 - What gives birth to sin? What is the finished product of sin? _____
 - Who is the tempter? (cf. 4:7) _____
- **A mature Christian recognizes that everything that is good comes from God.** (1:16-18)
 - In what way(s) is God the Father of lights? (cf. Gen. 1:3,14-18; I Jn. 1:5) _____
 - What characteristics of God are being emphasized in these verses? _____
 - Thought question: What is God's greatest gift? _____
 - By which of God's gifts is one born again? (cf. Jn. 1:12-13; I Pet. 1:22-23) _____
- **A mature Christian is not only a hearer of the word, but a doer as well.** (1:19-27)
 - What are three things essential to properly receiving God's word?
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 - What reason does James give for being slow to wrath? _____
 - When one receives the word with meekness, what will they strive to eliminate from their life?

 - What are the different expressions found in this section that refer to God's word?
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- How does James illustrate the futility of looking into the word of God and failing to make any changes? _____
- 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)