
Studies in the Book of James

Perseverance in Suffering (James 1:1-12)

Lesson #1, Sunday, January 5, 2019

I. Introduction

1. We begin a study of the book of James, often called the wisdom book of the New Testament.
2. We have divided the book into thirteen practical lessons. Each lesson will help us grow and be challenged to be faithful people of God.
3. You are expected to read the selected text for each lesson and do the questions.

II. Writer

1. There are several men named James in the New Testament so we can't be positive, but the logical choice is James, the half-brother of Jesus.

III. To Whom

1. Written to Jewish Christians who had been scattered due to persecution (Acts 8:4). This book like others is applicable to all Christians.

IV. Date

1. One of the earliest books - 45-48 A.D.

V. Questions:

1. Define the word "temptation".

2. What is the difference between the temptations in verses 2-8 and the temptations verses 13-18?

3. James is NOT saying that trials themselves are joyous, but what they produce. From the following passages determine what trials SHOULD produce.
 1. James 1:3-4

 2. Rom. 5:1-5

 3. Rom. 8:18-25

 4. 2 Cor. 12:7-10

5. 1 Pet. 1:7

4. What is the “wisdom” that we should pray for when trials come? (1:5)

5. How does this “wisdom” come?

6. Why do our prayers fail? (1:6-8)

7. A “double-minded” man is one who _____

8. Wisdom is greatly needed when one is poor. Why? (9)

9. Wisdom is greatly needed when one is rich. Why? (10-11)

10. Define “blessing” in verse 12.

11. Define “proved” in verse 12.

12. What is the “crown of life” in verse 12?

13. What can we learn from the following when trials come upon us?
 1. Hannah (1 Sam. 1:5-22)
 2. Job (Job 1:21-22)
 3. Paul (2 Cor. 12:7-10; 2 Tim. 4:6-8)
 4. Stephen (Acts 7:54-60)