

James

CHAPTER 1

- 1** James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are scattered abroad, greeting.
- 2** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations;
- 3** Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith works patience.
- 4** But let patience have *her* perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- 5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all *men* liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him.
- 6** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- 7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
- 8** A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.
- 9** Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
- 10** But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
- 11** For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withers the grass, and the flower thereof falls, and the grace of the fashion of it perishes: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
- 12** Blessed *is* the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.
- 13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man:
- 14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
- 15** Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.
- 16** Do not err, my beloved brethren.
- 17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- 18** Of his own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
- 19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
- 20** For the wrath of man works not the righteousness of God.
- 21** Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
- 22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- 23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
- 24** For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.
- 25** But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- 26** If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridles not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.
- 27** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.