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James 1

1:1 Salutation and greeting.

- 1) James - the Lord's brother. Gal. 1:18-19
-prominent place in the church, Acts 15
- 2) servant - (doulos) bond slave, -James is the only one in the N.T. that calls himself a bond servant without qualifying it with an apostle.
 - a) Complete loyalty.
 - b) Complete obedience.
 - 3) Complete sacrifice.
- 3) Lord-Title (Kurios) used of a man as "Sir" for respect or a master. Phil. 2:5-11; Acts 2:36 Lord and Christ.
- 4) Jesus- His name, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Joshua meaning Jehovah is salvation.
- 5) Christ- Title, the anointed Messiah (deity) - could be used for kings, priests, etc. in O.T. for God's chosen ones.
- 6) to twelve tribes - not to the ten lost, but to the 12
-Christian Jews
- 7) scattered - (diaspora) dispersed Jews outside of Palestine who spoke Greek, not Aramaic.
-3x's N.T. Jn. 7:35; 1Pet. 1:1
-3 dispersions occurred.

1) Assyria - Northern Kingdom. 2Kings 17:23

2) Babylon - Southern Kingdom. 2Kings 24:14-16

3) Rome - after destruction of 70 A.D.

- 8) Greetings - (chairein) literally rejoice.
-3x't N.T. Acts 15:23; 23:26
-Usual N.T. greeting is grace and peace (mercy)

1:2-12 Testings through trials.

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brethren - 17x's in James.

all joy - not for the trial or difficult

circumstance but that trials are a natural and normal thing to believers Jn. 16:33; Acts 14:22

trials- (peirasmoi) those things brought about by God and allow for the testing of my faith as genuine. (Abraham, Gen. 22)

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Knowing - (ginoskontes) experiential knowledge testing - (dokimion) to prove, reveal the genuineness

-1 Cor. 10:13 way of escape always

patience - (hyomone) endurance, not mere bearing

under, but productive, Rom. 5:3-4

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Let patience - literally, let it keep on having
perfect - mature complete - soundness and
 wholeness.

lacking nothing - of the work and purpose of
 God

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Prayer is available for wisdom for the trial.

-too often we pray for it to be removed.

-not mere knowledge, but divine wisdom,

Proverbs,

1Cor. 1-2

*Solomon asked God. 1Kings 3:7-12

1) liberally - freely, Rom. 12:8; 2Cor. 8:2

2) without reproach - without throwing it in
 your face, or bringing up the last time
 you asked, Heb. 4:16

1:6 The conditions,

1) in faith - this is not will power, but trust
 in the power and promise of God.

-Heb. 11:6; 1Jn. 5:14; Matt. 21:22 not
 doubting.

-one who asks without any thought that God
 can do it.

-we all vacillate at times but we need to bring
 our thoughts into captivity. 2Cor. 10:5

-one who is unwilling to receive!

-vs. 6b-8 double soul man.

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Poor is to consider his exaltation by being
 able to come to God and receive the true
 riches.

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Rich is to be humbled by the fact that
 regardless of his money he still must die.

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"Is. 40:6-8" "1Pet. 1:24"

-burning heat - hot scourging wind from
 east.

-riches are deceitful, the cause of many
 sorrows and we are not to trust in them.

1Tim. 5:10, 17

-life is brief and uncertain.

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Blessed - happy (Matt. 5:3-12 beatitudes)

-Ps. 1; 1Pet. 3:14; 4:14 proud

- approved, tried crown - victor's crown of
 garland. Rev. 2:10

-Love - motive.

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1:13-18 **Temptations and God.****1:13**

God cannot be accused of tempting any
 man, for

-He Himself cannot be tempted by evil.

-He is holy. Lev. 11:44-45; 1Pet. 1:16; 1Jn. 1:5
 -tempted - (peirozo) to solicit to do evil
 -Hab. 1:13 - God is of purer eyes...

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Origin of temptation is man's sinful nature.
Jer. 17:9; Matt. 15:19
 -drawn away - to bait the trap.
 -enticed - to bait a hook.
 -desires - strong drives perverted by the fall.

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There is no sin in being tempted, only in giving in to the temptation.
 1) Desire conceived it gives birth to sin. imotions, intellect and will.
 2) Resulting in death - broken fellowship.
1Jn. 2:1
 -Gen. 3 Eve and Adam

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Self -deception happens when we don't understand God's nature of holiness and light.

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God can only do and give good things.
 -good gifts - speaks of the act of giving.
 -perfect gift - speaks of the thing given.

-Father of lights - Genesis, the sun, moon, stars.
 -He cannot vary or be inconsistent to His nature of light!

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1) He regenerated us. Eph. 2:8; Tit. 3:5; Jn. 3:3-5
 2) By the word of truth. Rom. 10:8-9; 1Pet. 1:23
 3) For a purpose, to be like Him.
 -first fruits speaks of the best of the first.
 -first fruits speaks of a portion of the rest.

1:19-27 Response to the word**1:19**

Therefore - knowing this or this you know.
 1) Be swift to hear. quick, speedy.
 2) Slow to speak-in responding.
 3) Slow to wrath' reason. vs. 20

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4) Lay aside all sinful defilement as a coat.
 5) Receive with meekness the implanted word.
 - Matt. 13 the Sower
 *Meekness is not weakness, but power under control.

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If you are only a hearer, you deceive yourself.

-deceiving - to dilute, circumvent.

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natural face - face of his birth. (sinful)

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His observance is casual and without any real intent to correct anything.

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looks - to stoop and look with penetrating viewing.

-used in Jn. 20:5; 1Pet. 1:12

-law of liberty - the Gospel not law of Moses.

-continuous - 1) in the gospel; 2) in personal inspection.

-in order to do the work God has. Eph. 2:10

-resulting in being happy.

-Jn. 13:17 happy is he who hears and does.

-Matt. 7:24-27 house on sand and rock.

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The inability to control one's tongue cancels out one's own estimation of being religious.

1) religious - 5 x's N.T. Acts 26:5; Col. 2:18; Ja. 1:26-27

* Outward form and ritual.

2) unbridled tongue - is deception of one's own heart.

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Pure and undefiled religion is:

1) Before God, not man.

2) To visit orphans and widows in trouble.

-Law gave great emphasis to both.

-Ps. 68:5; Amos 4; Micah 6:6-8; Zech. 7:6-10

Social justice

3) Keep oneself unspotted from the world

-1Jn. 3:3; 2:15-17; Rom. 12:1-2