

# James

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## James Chapter 1 – Faith That Perseveres

**Key themes:** Trials, wisdom, obedience, true religion

- Trials test faith and produce perseverance and maturity.
- Ask God for wisdom in faith, without doubting.
- Wealth is temporary; humility matters.
- Temptation comes from human desire, not God.
- Be **doers of the word**, not hearers only.
- True religion: caring for orphans and widows and living unstained by the world.

## James Chapter 2 – Faith That Works

**Key themes:** Impartiality, living faith

- Condemns favoritism toward the rich.
- The “royal law”: love your neighbor as yourself.
- Faith without works is dead.
- True faith is demonstrated through action, not words alone.

## James Chapter 3 – Faith That Speaks Wisely

**Key themes:** The tongue, godly wisdom

- Teachers are held to stricter judgment.
- The tongue is small but powerful—able to bless or destroy.
- Contrasts **earthly wisdom** (selfish, divisive) with **heavenly wisdom** (pure, peaceable, gentle)

## **James Chapter 4 – Faith That Submits to God**

**Key themes:** Humility, repentance, dependence on God

- Conflicts come from selfish desires.
- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- Submit to God; resist the devil.
- Do not boast about tomorrow—life is a vapor.

## **James Chapter 5 – Faith That Endures**

**Key themes:** Justice, patience, prayer

- Warning to the rich who oppress others.
- Be patient for the Lord's coming.
- Endure suffering like the prophets and Job.
- Power of prayer—especially for healing and restoration.
- Restore those who wander from the truth.