

Serenity Church



James

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Verse



JAMES 1:1 (NLT)- “THIS LETTER IS FROM JAMES, A SLAVE OF GOD AND OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. I AM WRITING TO THE 12 TRIBES- JEWISH BELIEVERS “SCATTERED” ABROAD. GREETINGS!



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.



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JAMES 1:18 (NLT)- HE CHOSE TO GIVE BIRTH TO US BY GIVING US HIS TRUE WORD. AND WE, OUT OF ALL CREATION, BECAME HIS PRIZED POSSESSION.



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.

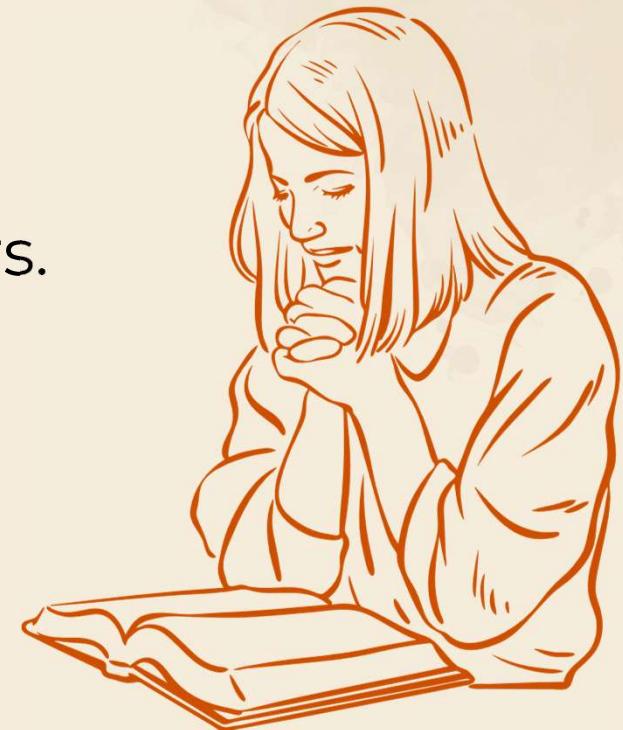
James Chapter 5 – Faith That Endures



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.





Doulos- (according to the Blue Letter Bible)-
IS USED WITH THE HIGHEST DIGNITY IN THE
NT... BELIEVERS WHO WILLINGLY LIVE
UNDER CHRIST AUTHORITY AS HIS
DEVOTED FOLLOWERS
DEVOTED TO SOMETHING TO THE
DISREGARD OF ONES OWN INTERESTS



Big Book p. 63- We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we understood Him: "God, I offer myself to Thee-to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!" We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready; that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him.....