

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Salutation (1:1)

- I. True religion endures trials and temptations (1:2–18)
 - A. With joy and patience (vv. 2–4)
 - B. With wisdom from God (vv. 5–8)
 - C. With a proper perspective (vv. 9–11)
 - D. With an understanding of temptation (vv. 12–15)
 - E. With an awareness of the Father's goodness (vv. 16–18)
- II. True religion consists of doing, not just hearing (1:19–2:26)
 - A. One should be swift to hear (1:19–20)
 - B. One should not be a hearer only, but a doer (1:21–27)
 - C. One should not show personal favoritism (2:1–13)
 - D. One should show their faith by their works (2:14–26)
- III. True religion displays wisdom, not just speaking (3:1–18)
 - A. The danger of the tongue (vv. 1–12)
 - B. The difference between heavenly and earthly wisdom (vv. 13–18)
- IV. True religion befriends God through humility (4:1–17)
 - A. How to be an enemy of God (vv. 1–6)
 - B. How to draw near to God (vv. 7–17)
- V. True religion blessed through patience, prayer, and love (5:1–20)
 - A. The curse of rich oppressors (vv. 1–6)
 - B. The blessing of patience (vv. 7–12)
 - C. The blessing of prayer (vv. 13–18)
 - D. The blessing of love for the erring (vv. 19–20)

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