

## **James 1, New American Standard Bible (NASB)**

**1** James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

**2** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you

encounter various trials,

**3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

**4** And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**5** But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

**6** But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

**7** For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

**8** *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

<sup>9</sup> But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position;

<sup>10</sup> and the rich man *is to glory* in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away.

<sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

<sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

<sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

<sup>17</sup> Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

<sup>18</sup> In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

<sup>19</sup> *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger;

<sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

<sup>24</sup> for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

<sup>25</sup> But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless.

<sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.