

>>>>>> **James – Introductory Fact Sheet** <<<<<<<

Author: James the brother of our Lord

Date of Writing: AD 47-49.

Target Audience Christians of the dispersion which took place after Stephen's martyrdom

Purpose and Message Much like proverbs.

- One of the last books added to the cannon because:
 - i. its brevity
 - ii. the fact that it was addressed specifically to Jewish Christians
 - iii. its lack of doctrinal content
 - iv. not written by one of the twelve apostles or Paul, James was one of the last books added to the New Testament canon.
- John MacArthur calls it a "commentary on the Sermon on the Mount"

James	Sermon on the Mount	James	Sermon on the Mount
1. <u>1:2</u>	<u>5:10-12</u>	12. <u>3:6</u>	<u>5:22</u>
2. <u>1:4</u>	<u>5:48</u>	13. <u>3:10-12</u>	<u>7:15-20</u>
3. <u>1:5</u>	<u>7:7-12</u>	14. <u>3:17-18</u>	<u>5:9</u>
4. <u>1:9</u>	<u>5:3</u>	15. <u>4:4</u>	<u>6:24</u>
5. <u>1:12</u>	<u>7:14</u>	16. <u>4:10</u>	<u>5:3-5</u>
6. <u>1:20</u>	<u>5:22</u>	17. <u>4:11-12</u>	<u>7:1-5</u>
7. <u>1:22</u>	<u>7:21-27</u>	18. <u>5:2-3</u>	<u>6:19-20</u>
8. <u>2:5</u>	<u>5:3</u>	19. <u>5:10</u>	<u>5:12</u>
9. <u>2:13</u>	<u>5:7</u>	20. <u>5:11</u>	<u>5:10</u>
10. <u>2:13</u>	<u>6:14-15</u>	21. <u>5:12</u>	<u>5:33-37</u>
11. <u>2:14-16</u>	<u>7:21-23¹</u>		

Various Outline Notes on James

There are three major sections of the letter:

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| Section 1 – Genuine religion | (1) |
| Section 2 – Genuine faith | (2:1-3:12) |
| Section 3 – Genuine wisdom | (3:13-5:20) |

Specifically, James has much to say on:

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| I. | The Test of Perseverance in Suffering | (1:2-12) |
| II. | The Test of Blame in Temptation | (1:13-18) |
| III. | The Test of Response to the Word | (1:19-27) |

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IV.	The Test of Impartial Love	(2:1-13)
V.	The Test of Righteous Works	(2:14-26)
VI.	The Test of the Tongue	(3:1-12)
VII.	The Test of Humble Wisdom	(3:13-18)
VIII.	The Test of Worldly Indulgence	(4:1-12)
IX.	The Prayer and Test of Dependence	(4:13-17)
X.	The Test of Patient Endurance	(5:1-11)
XI.	The Test of Truthfulness	(5:12)
XII.	The Test of Prayerfulness	(5:13-18)
XIII.	The Test of True Faith	(5:19-20)

Outline of James

The Book of James can be outlined as follows:

I. Introduction	(1:1)
II. Trials and Temptations	(1:2-18)
A. Purpose of Trials	(1:2-12)
B. Source of Temptations	(1:13-15)
C. God's Goodness	(1:16-18)
III. Hearing and Doing the Word	(1:19-27)
IV. Faith in Action	(2:1-26)
A. Warning Against Favoritism	(2:1-13)
B. Faith and Works	(2:14-26)
V. Taming the Tongue	(3:1-12)
VI. Two Kinds of Wisdom	(3:13-18)
VII. Worldliness and Humility	(4:1-17)
A. Causes of Conflict	(4:1-3)
B. Call to Repentance	(4:4-10)
C. Warning Against Judging	(4:11-12)
D. Boasting About Tomorrow	(4:13-17)
VIII. Warning to Rich Oppressors	(5:1-6)
IX. Patience and Prayer	(5:7-20)
A. Patience in Suffering	(5:7-12)
B. The Prayer of Faith	(5:13-18)
C. Restoring the Wanderer	(5:19-20)