

THE BOOK OF JAMES CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of ***“PRACTICAL”*** religion!
2. **JAMES WHO?** (screen shot)
 - a) One of the earliest books written (40ad-41ad)
 - b) Before the Gentiles received the gospel.
3. PROMISES
4. Today - CHAPTER 1

“TWELVE TRIBES SCATTERED” (1:1)

1. Who are the scattered?
2. Jewish Christians outside of Jerusalem.
 - 586 BC Jerusalem destroyed and the Jews dispersed.
 - Acts 2:5-12 Jews from every nation back in Jerusalem.
 - Acts 8:1 & 4 Jewish Christians scattered & preached.

PERSAVERANCE (1:2-12)

1. Trials are necessary for our spiritual development!
 - The formula: *testing + perseverance = maturity*
2. Ask for wisdom: ***“How do I handle this trial?”***
 - Consider Solomon’s prayer for wisdom (2 Chr 1:8-12)
3. Blessings & Reward from perseverance (vs12)

TEMPTATION & SIN (1:13-15)

1. The downward spiral: *temptation-enticement-sin-death*
2. Read: **1 Corinthians 10:13** *God provides a way out!*

LISTENING & DOING (1:22-25)

1. Listen do repeat! Listen do repeat! Listen do repeat!
2. ALSO: Romans 2:12-13, Matthew 7:24

THREE CLOSING COMMENTS TO CHAPTER 1

1. Tongue – Widows & Orphans – Polluted by world

Scripture memory: James 1:2-4 & James 1:12

DISCUSSION GUIDE JAMES CHAPTER 1

MEMORY SCRIPTURES

- James 1:2-4
- James 1:12

READ JAMES 1:2-12

- WHAT IS YOUR NATURAL REACTION TO TRIALS, TESTING AND HARDSHIPS?
- WHAT COULD IT BE?

READ JAMES 1:13-15

- WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TEMPTING AND TESTING?
- DO I SEE THE PATTERN AND PROCESS OF TEMPTATION AND SIN?
- WHY IS IT HARD TO SEE IT AT THE MOMENT?

READ JAMES 1:22-25

- AM I LISTENING?
- WHAT CONVICTIONS DO I LACK?

MEMORY SCRIPTURES AGAIN

- James 1:2-4
- James 1:12

**CLOSING PRAYER TIME FOR PEOPLE I WANT TO HELP
BECOME CHRISTIANS**