1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye have received divers temptations; 3 for ye know that ye are therein proving your faith, and that the proving of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like the wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: 10 But the rich, in that he is made low:

because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth:

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.


17. *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

18. *Of His own will He begat us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.*

19. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

20. For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain.

24. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

25. Unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy;

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27. That ye should prove the will of God, whether it be good, and acceptable, and perfect.
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3 And ye * have respect * to him that weareth the * gay clothing, and say * unto him, "Sit thou here in a good place; " and say to the * poor, " Stand 16 there, or sit here 17 under my footstool: "

4 * Are ye 18 not then partial * in yourselves, and are become judges * of evil * thoughts?

5 Hearken, my " beloved brethren, " Hath not 19 God chosen the * poor of * this world rich * in faith, and heirs of the * kingdom which He hath prepared for them that love Him?

6 But ye * have despised the * poor. Do not rich men * oppress you, and * draw you * before the * judgment seats?

7 Do * not * say * blasphemeth * that * worthy * name 20 by which ye are * called?

8 * If ye fulfill 21 the " royal law " according to the * Scripture, " Thou shalt 22 love thy neighbour as thyself, " ye do well:

9 * But if ye * have respect to persons, ye commit * sin, 23 and are convinced * of the law as * transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet * offend * in one point, he * is * guilty of all.

11 For He That said, " Do * not commit adultery, " said also, " Do * not kill. " Now * if thou commit * no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become * a transgressor of the law.

12 So * speak ye, and so do, as they that * shall be judged * by the law of liberty.

13 For * he shall have * judgment * without mercy, that hath shewed * no mercy; and mercy * rejoiceth against * judgment.

14 * What doth it * profit, my brethren, * though * a man say he hath 1 faith, and have * not * works? * can * faith save him?

15 * If a brother or sister * be naked, and * destitute * of * daily food,

16 And * one * of you * say * unto them, " Depart * in peace, be ye warmed and filled; " not with * withholding * ye give them * not * those things which are * needful to the body; 14 what doth it * profit?

17 Even so * faith, * if it hath * not * works, is * dead, being * alone.

18 Yea, * a man may say, " Thou hast 1 faith, and * have * works: shew me thy * faith without thy * works, and * shall shew thee my * faith * by my * works."

19 * Thou * believest that there is one * God; thou dost well: the * devils * also * believe, and * tremble.

20 But * wilt thou * know, O vain * man, that * faith * 14 without * works is * dead?

21 Was * not Abraham our father * justified * by * works, when he had offered Isaac his * son * upon the altar?

22 * Seest thou how * faith * wrought with his * works, and * by * works was * faith * made perfect?

23 And the * Scripture was * fulfilled which saith, " * Abraham * believed * God, and it was


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3 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us, and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though they are so great, and are driven of so fierce winds, yet they are turned by a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so also is the tongue among our members, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind.

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is a unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear figs? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with understanding among you? let him understand what is that wisdom which is from above, and not earthly, nor earthly, nor devilish.

14 Wherefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.
knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 Ye lust and have not, ye kill and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

18 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask not, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

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3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask not, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses. know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore is will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

5 Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth against the devil, and he will flee from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

6 But the wisdom that is from above first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

7 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

8 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your joy be turned to mourning, and your mourning to joy.

9 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

10 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judgest the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.


2 desire to have = covet earnestly. Gr. zelos. See Acts 7. 9. cannot = are not (Ap. 105. I) able to. obtain. See Rom. 11. 7.

fight. Gr. machexmai. See Acts 7. 22. war. Gr. poleme. Only here and Rev. 2. 16; 12. 7; 13. 4; 17. 14; 19. 11. Note the different words for war in these two verses.

because, &c. = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) your not asking.


enmity. Gr. echtheia. See Rom. 8. 7.


is = is constituted, or constitutes himself, as in 8. 6.

5 Do ye=or do ye.


save and to destroy: who art thou that I should command thee what is not thine?

13 Go to now, ye that say, 'To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:'

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? for it is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 Ye have clothed yourselves in the lust of the flesh, and have set your hearts on things that are on the earth. a

16 But now ye rejoice in your boasted things: all such rejoicing is evil.

17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

5 1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2 Your riches are腐烂, and your garments moth eaten.

3 Your gold and silver is腐烂, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have kept back treasure together for the last days.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have waited for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

5 Be ye also patient; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

6 Grudge not one another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judgment standeth before the door.

7 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

8 Behold, we count them happy. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.
12 But if above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay: lest ye fall into condemnation.


14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil; and pray for him, that he may be healed, seeing the Lord is mindful of his members.

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it was not rained upon the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.