

Blessed is He Who Endures: James 1:9–18 (James #2)

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INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

Outline of James

Salutation	1:1	
Prologue	1:2–18	
Thematic Statement	1:19–20	Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath
Body	1:21–5:6	
Swift to hear	1:21–2:26	
Slow to speak	3:1–18	
Slow to wrath	4:1–5:6	
Epilogue	5:7–20	

(1:1) James greets Jewish Christians dispersed (by the Acts 8:1 persecution)

(1:2–8) Bels should joyfully accept trials, because **proven faith** produces patience, & **patience** produces endurance, & the purpose of **endurance** is to make bels mature, complete, & w/o deficiency, so bels lacking wisdom [for trials] should pray expectantly (not doubtfully) to God who gives wisdom, because a doubter is unstable & will not receive anything [wisdom *in particular*] from God, because he is double-minded & unstable

(1:9–11) Perspective on Poverty & Wealth in testing: Trials show God's interest in us:

(1:9) Poor believers should glory in this exaltation

(1:10–11) Rich bels should glory in our humiliation (reminding us of our frailty)

(1:12–18) God and Trials

**(1:12) God blesses approved believers who endure trial with the crown of life
(in life) and with reward at the Bema Seat**

**(1:13–14) Bels should not say God tempts them, because He Himself is untemptable
& does not Himself tempt anyone, but our own desires tempt us**

**(1:15) Lust is sin's mother; matured sin is death's mother
(So God is father to life; not lust, sin, or death)**

Illustration from James 5:19–20

Brethren_p, if anyone_s among you_p

and someone_s

let him_s know that he_s who

will deliver a life_s from death and cover a multitude of sins.

wanders from the truth,

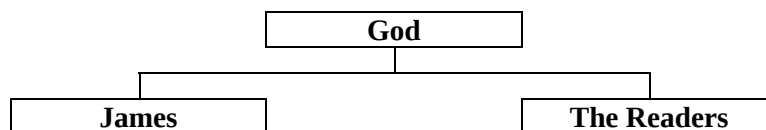
turns him_s back,

turns a sinner_s from the error of his_s way

(1:16) Believers should not be deceived into blaming God for temptation

(1:17) [The reason believers should not be deceived into blaming God for temptation] is because our unchangeable God only gives good gifts.

(1:18) The greatest illustration of the good gifts that our unchangeable God gives is LIFE through the word of truth (regeneration).



CONCLUSION