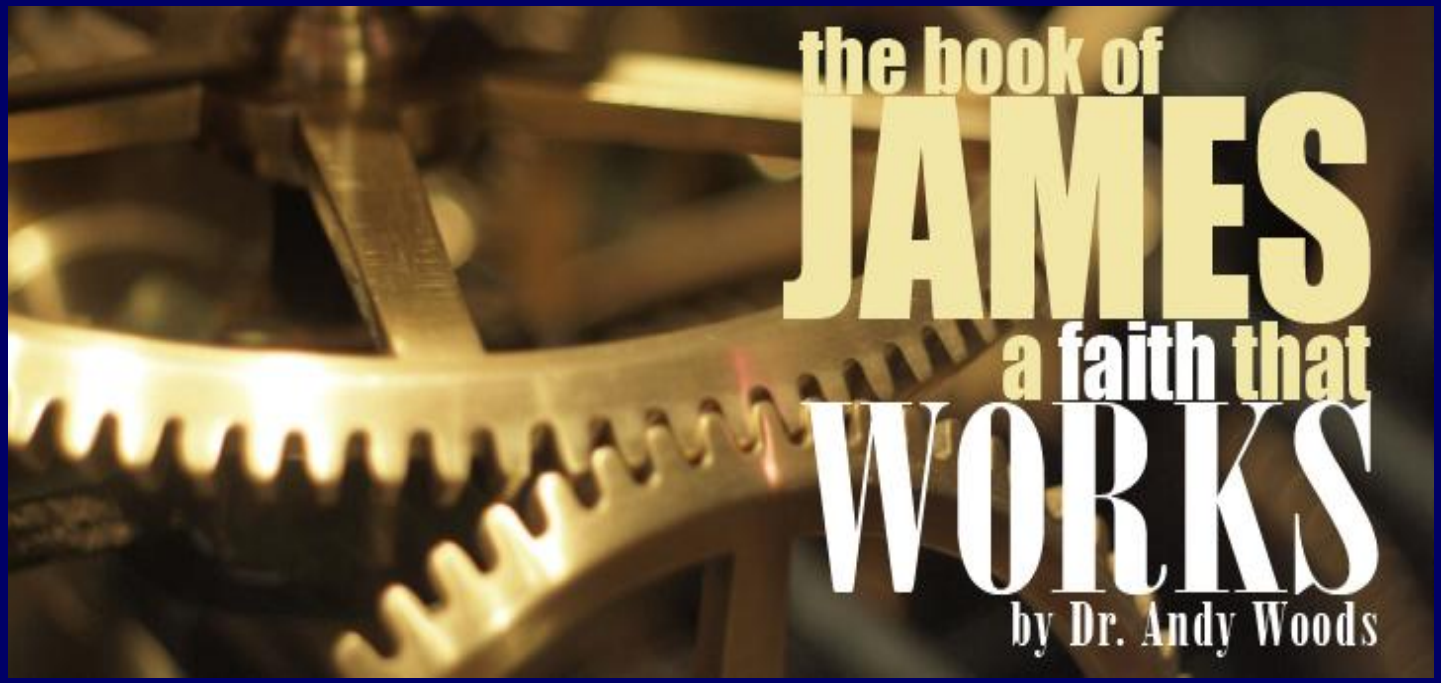
PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS





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Answering Eleven Questions



1) Who wrote it? – **James**
2) What do we know about the author? – **Christ's ½ Brother**
3) Who was the audience? – **Believing Jews in the Diaspora**
4) Where was if written from? – **Jerusalem**
5) When was the book written? – **A.D. 44–47**
6) What was the book's occasion? – **Practical righteousness**
7) What is the book's purpose? – **Achieving practical righteousness**
8) What is the book about? – **Practical righteousness**
9) What is the book's theme? – **Daily living**
10) What makes the book different? – **Practicality**
11) How is the book organized? – **Faith and Wisdom**

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  - Faith manifesting works (2:14-26)
  - Tongue (3:1-12)



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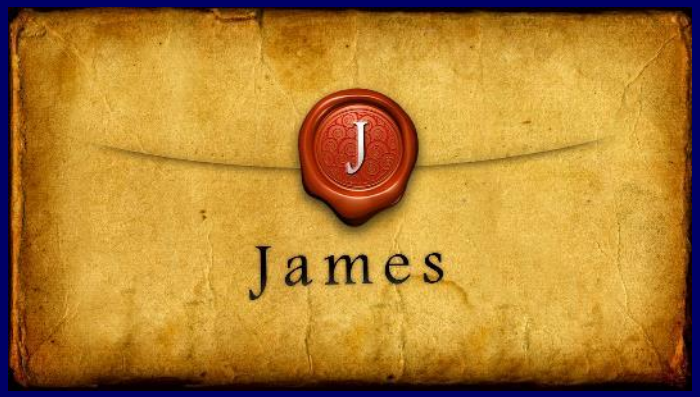


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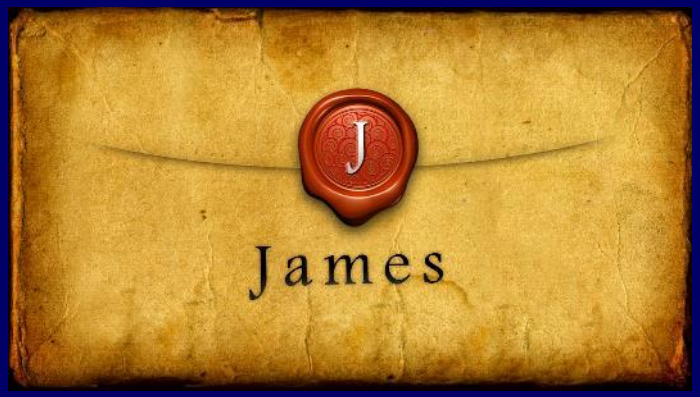


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1 Corinthians 4:5

"Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God."

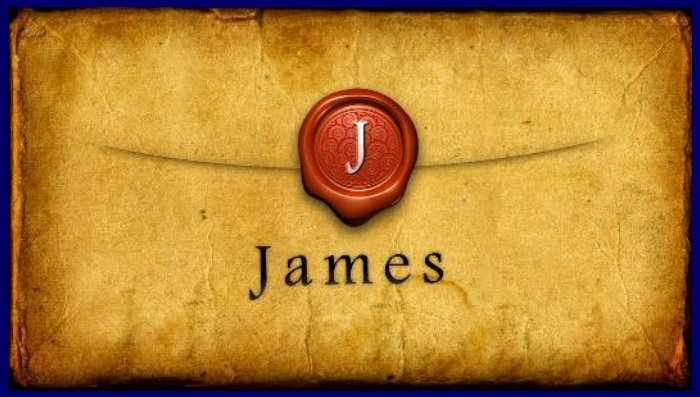


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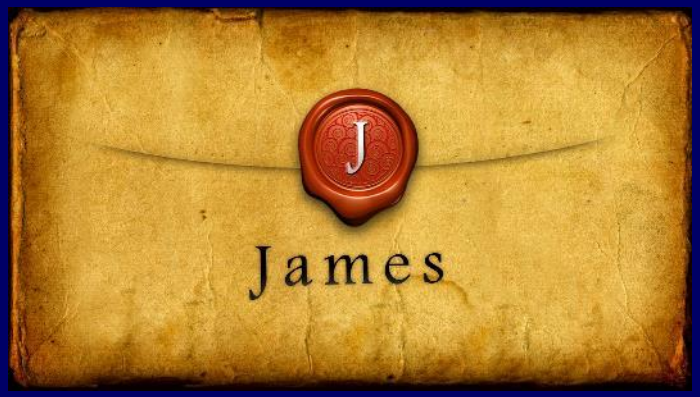
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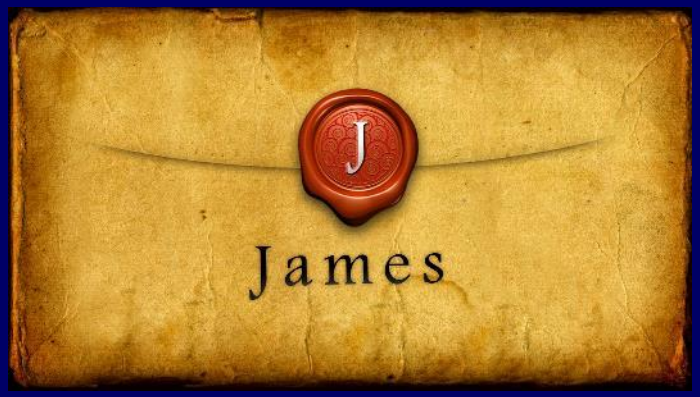
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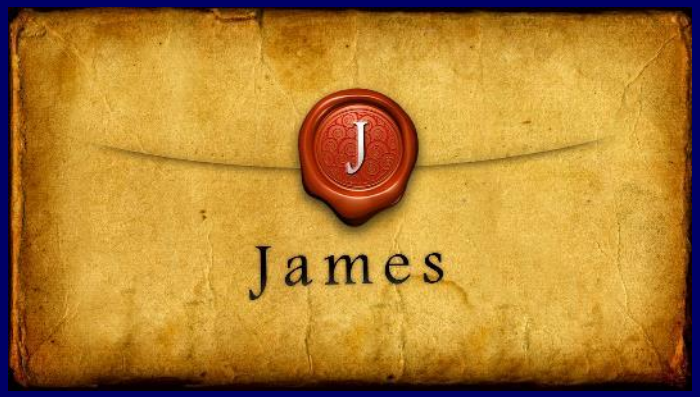


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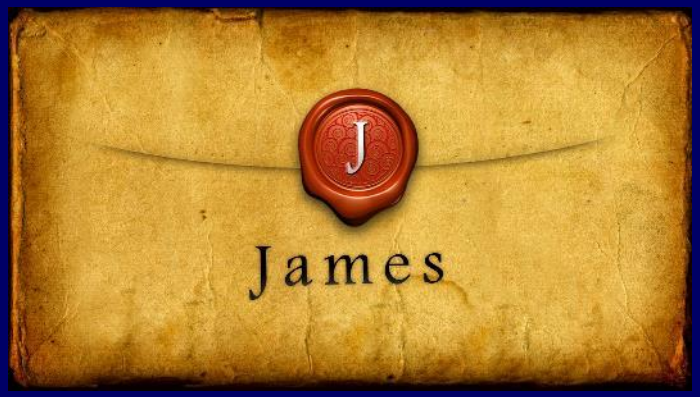


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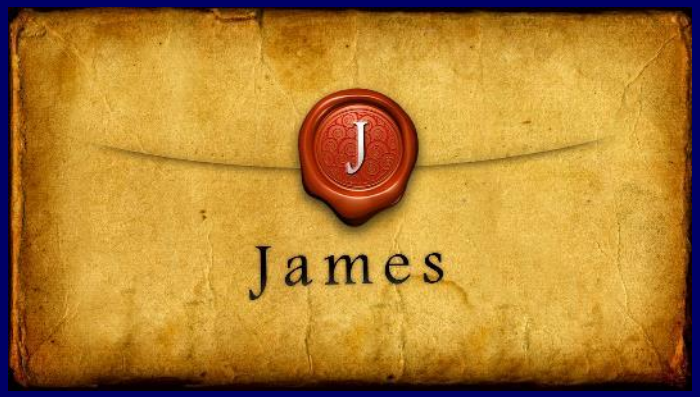


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- AD 70
- AD 62-63
- AD 49
- AD 48-49
- Sermon on the Mt
- Primitive congregational worship (Jas 2:2; 3:1; 5:14)
- Jas 1:1 = Acts 8:1-4; 11:19



Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)
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4. Romans (A.D. 57)
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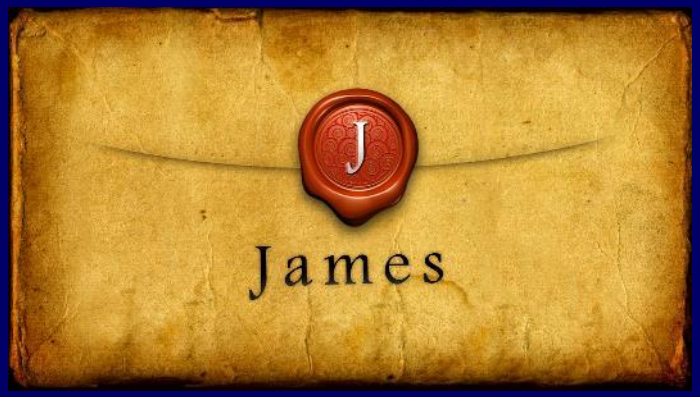


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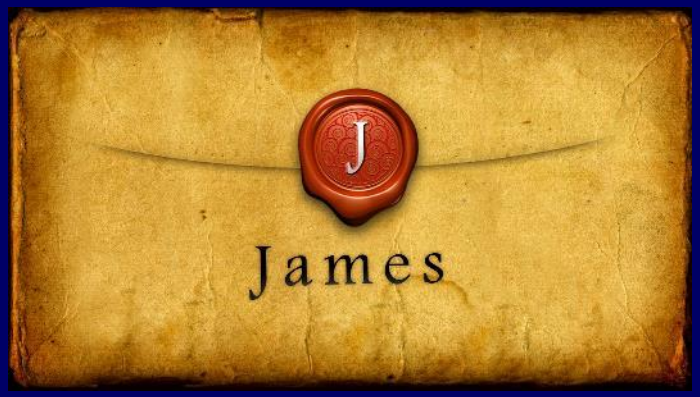
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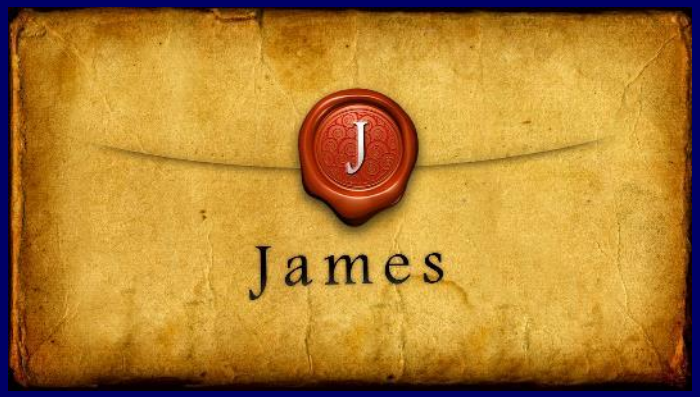
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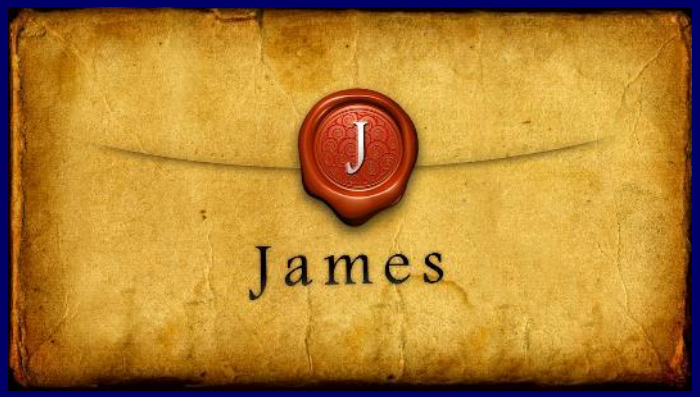
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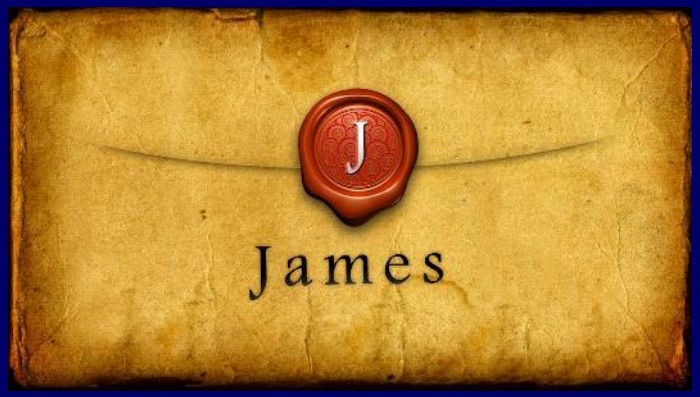
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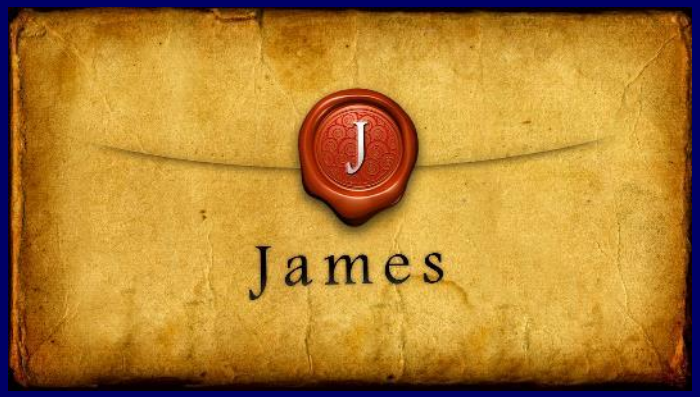
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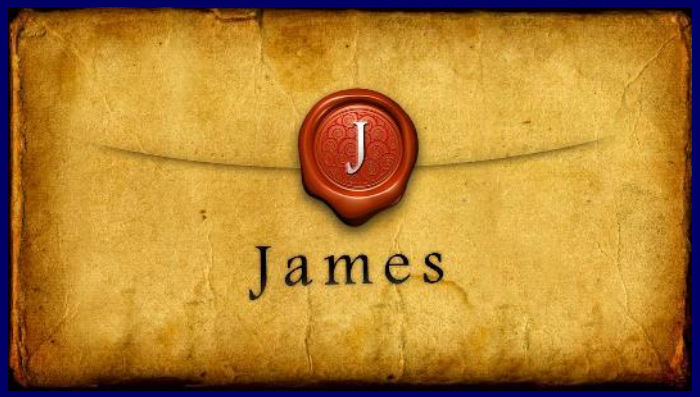
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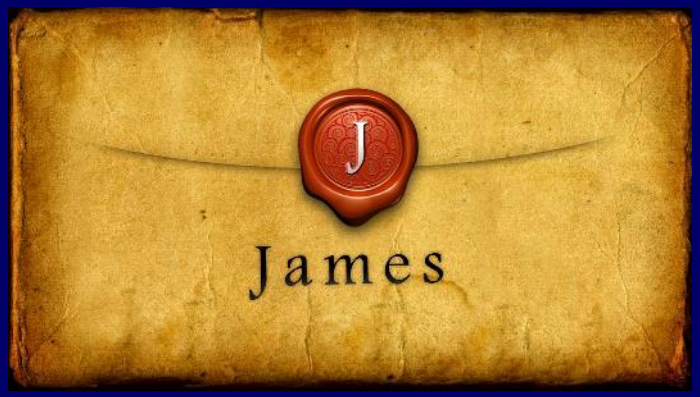


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