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STUDY GUIDE

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CHAPTER

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1:13-27

THE BOOK OF

JAMES

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*Faith, Works and Blessing*



## James 1:13-27

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If you are new to the Story of the Bible or would like to review the Story:  
Listen to the following TMTB Podcasts:

*The Story: Understanding the “Big Story” (30 min)*

*Old Testament: Walk Through the Broad Story (27 min)*

*Timeline: New Testament Beginnings (35 min)*

*Letters: Paul’s Writing to the Churches–Part 1 (30 min)*

### REVIEW

In James 1:1-12, James has spelled out the correct response to “*trials*.”

Now in James 1:13-18, James presents the wrong response to “*trials*.” God cannot be tempted by evil, nor is He the source of anyone being tempted by evil. Instead, God is the source of “*every perfect gift*.” The Law was a perfect gift from God. Through this perfect gift, the Israelite was to realize that they had been given mercy (another gift from God) and therefore should give mercy to their brother in the form of caring for him.

Through this process (realizing their need for mercy and therefore giving it) the believer’s faith was perfected. Therefore, “*pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, to keep oneself unstained by the world.*”



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### MONDAY

Listen to the James 1:13-27 podcast.

### TUESDAY

The word that is translated “*trial*” or “*temptation*” in James (cf. 1:2; 12, 13 (4x), 14) goes back to a Hebrew word that is used 67 times in the OT. For example, look up Genesis 22:1; Exodus 15:25; 16:4; 20:20; Deuteronomy 8:2, 16; and 13:4. It is not that the LORD does not test Israel. He most certainly does. However, He does not test or tempt them with evil. Israel was repeatedly being tested by the LORD. When they responded by faith, their faith was “*approved*” (i.e., tested like fine metal in that it was refined by fire).

### WEDNESDAY

Compare the two responses to a trial in chapter 1 of James (1:2-4 vs. 1:13-15) with what James says of Abraham in 2:22.

Was Abraham’s faith tested (go back and read Genesis 22:1)?

How did he respond to the test? By faith? What was the outcome? Was his faith perfected?



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### THURSDAY

The word for “*perfect*” or “*complete*” is used 9 times in James.  
Look up the following verses: 1:4, 15, 17, 25; 2:8, 22; 3:2; 5:11.

What connections do you see?

How do these verses help you understand the book?

### FRIDAY

Read James 1:25 and then 2:12-13. James refers to the “*law of liberty*” or the “*law of freedom*.”

How do 1:25 and 2:12 relate to 2:13 and 3:17?

What role does mercy play in James’s discussion?