



Reflections in James Chapter 1

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Theme #1 – Dispersion

James 1:1

*“From James, a **slave of God** and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the 12 tribes **dispersed** abroad. Greetings!”*

Theme #2 – Trials

James 1:2-4

*“My brothers and sisters, consider it **nothing but joy when you fall** into all sorts of trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything.”*

Theme #3 – Dependence

James 1:5-6

*“But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should **ask God**, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith **without doubting**, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed around by the wind.”*

James 1:9-10

“Now the believer of humble means should take pride in his high position. But the rich person’s pride should be in his humiliation because he will pass away like a wildflower in the meadow.”

James 1:12

*“Happy is the one who endures **testing because** when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him.”*

Theme #4 – Sin

James 1:13-15

*“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted by evil, and **he himself tempts no one.***

*But each one is tempted when he is lured and enticed by **his own desires.** Then when desire conceives, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is full grown, it gives birth to death.”*

Theme #5 – Living

James 1:19-22

*“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters! Let every person be **quick** to listen, **slow** to speak, **slow** to anger. For human anger does not accomplish God’s righteousness.*

*So **put away all filth and evil excess** and humbly **welcome the message** implanted within you, which is able to save your souls. But be sure you **live out the message** and do not merely listen to it and so deceive yourselves.”*

James 1:26-27

*“If someone thinks he is religious yet **does not bridle his tongue**, and so deceives his heart, his religion is futile. Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to **care for orphans and widows in their adversity** and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”*