

THE BOOK OF JAMES

FAITHWORKS



James 1:1-11

Looking To God As We Live Out Our Faith

“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.”

James 1:1-11, NIV

At the beginning of the James' letter to the Jewish Christians around the world, James begins to bring up the three major themes that would permeate the rest of the book. For James, faith was not an abstract construct that remains internal to all of us. Instead, faith was something to be lived out and expressed. The book of James presents a unique expression for those who needed to understand how to live out their faith. Difficult times would come for every believer, but the way we handle these situations puts God on full display. We trust God for the joy, we trust God for the wisdom, and we trust God for the provision.

What are the themes you see present in James 1:2-12

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

What does it mean to persevere?

What is the importance of allowing perseverance to finish its work?

Where do we look to for our strength in perseverance? Where do we find the wisdom during the times we need it? Explain how this happens and how we should ask.

How does James contrast high positions and humility? How do verses 9-11 differ from the standards set by the world?

What are some of the trials and temptations that you face as a Christian trying to live out your faith? Explain what it would look like to persevere through these situations while trusting in the wisdom of God?

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Day One	James 1:1-11
Day Two	John 1
Day Three	Romans 1
Day Four	Psalm 1
Day Five	Exodus 1
Day Six	John 2
Day Seven	Romans 2

Prayer Requests