**The Letter of James**

 **Diagrammed – with Sermon-titles and Outlines**

**"Introducing *James*"** – 1:1

**A Man**

:1 James,

 a bond-servant of God

 and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

**A People**

 to the twelve tribes

 who are dispersed abroad,

**A Letter**

 greetings.

**"Proving our Faith"** – 1:2-4

**Developing an attitude that glorifies God when tested**

**1. a Mindset embracing God's Sovereignty in trials**

:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren,

 when you encounter various trials,

**2. a Reflection upon the Divine Blessing of trials**

:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

**3. a Commitment to Spiritual Maturity through trials**

:4 And let endurance have its perfect result,

 that you may be

 perfect

 and complete,

 lacking in nothing.

**"A Humble Plea for Light"** – 1:5-8

**Faithful Pursuit of Divine Guidance**

**1. The Universal Need of Wisdom**

:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom,

**2. The Divine Availability of Wisdom**

 let him ask of God,

 who gives to all men

 generously

 and without reproach,

 and it will be given to him.

**3. The Proper Request of Wisdom**

:6 But let him ask in faith without any doubting,

 for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea

 driven and tossed by the wind.

:7 For let not that man expect that he will receive anything

 from the Lord,

:8 *being* a double-minded man,

 unstable in all his ways.

**"Glory in Humility"** – 1:9-11

**1. The Glory of the Humbled Poor**

:9 But let the brother

 of humble circumstances

 glory

 in his high position;

**2. The Glory of the of the Humbled Rich**

:10 and *let* the rich man *glory* in his humiliation,

 because

 like flowering grass

 he will pass away.

:11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind,

 and withers the grass;

 and its flower falls off,

 and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed;

 so too the rich man

 in the midst of his pursuits

 will fade away.

**"Crowned with Happiness"** – 1:12

**The Christian's Pursuit of Happiness**

**Identifiers of a Person who is Blessed**

**1. A Blessed Individual is Resolute**

:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial;

**2. A Blessed Individual is Proven**

 for

 once he has been approved,

**3. A Blessed Individual is Adorned**

 he will receive the crown of life,

 which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

**"The Birth of Iniquity"** – 1:13-16

**Exposing the Origin of Sin**

**1. Correction of an Error**

:13 Let no one say

 when he is tempted,

 "I am being tempted

 by God";

 for God cannot be tempted by evil,

and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

**2. Explanation of the Truth**

:14 But each one is tempted

 when he is carried away

 and enticed

 by his own lust.

:15 Then

 when lust has conceived,

 it gives birth to sin;

 and

 when sin is accomplished,

 it brings forth death.

**3. Admonition to Alertness**

:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved **brethren**.

**"The Greatest Giver"** – 1:17

**Look up – See What Comes Down**

**1. The Greatest Giver's Gifts**

:17 Every good thing bestowed

 and every perfect gift

**2. The Greatest Giver's Performance**

 is from above,

 coming down from the Father of lights,

**3. The Greatest Giver's Nature**

 with whom

 there is no variation,

 or shifting shadow.

**"The Greatest Giver's Greatest Gift"** – 1:18

**The Gift of Spiritual Life**

**Spectacular Details of the Greatest Gift -**

**1. Special Occasion for the gift – motivation**

:18 In the exercise of His will

 He brought us forth

**2. Special Delivery of the Gift – means**

 by the word of truth,

**3. Special Use of the Gift - purpose**

 so that we might be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.