**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.