

**My Bible Study: The Epistle of James**  
**Chapter 1**

<b>Chapter Title &amp; Key Verse(s)</b>	<b>Person(s) in this passage</b>	<b>Significant Truth</b>	<b>Cross References</b>	<b>Chapter Summary</b>	<b>Application to Me</b>	<b>Promises to Claim</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Test of Faith; the Source of Temptations; and, the Results of Faith</b></p> <p>“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.” —James 1:2, 3</p> <p>“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.” —James 1:6, 7</p> <p>“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” —James 1:14, 15</p> <p>“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” —James 1:22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Who is speaking; about whom; who is acting?</i></p> <p>James is exhorting to the Jewish and other Christian communities living outside of Palestine about true faith and its results.</p> <p>James speaks about God and what our individual responses should be because of true faith.</p> <p>He also talks about the source of temptations—our desires which entice us into sin.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>What does this passage teach me about the Lord Jesus Christ?</i></p> <p>The testing of faith results in patience.</p> <p>Wisdom comes from God to those who ask in faith without doubting.</p> <p>The source of temptation is through the enticement of one’s own desires. God cannot be tempted by evil, neither does He tempt others.</p> <p>True faith that is grounded in the Word of God will produce an individual who is a “doer of the word and not a hearer only.” This will result in a pure and undefiled religion where God’s word is implemented through one’s works.</p>	<p><sup>1</sup>Acts 12:17 <sup>2</sup>Acts 5:41, 1 Peter 1:6 <sup>3</sup>Romans 5:3-5 <sup>8</sup>James 4:8 <sup>15</sup>Job 15:35 <sup>17</sup>Numbers 23:19 <sup>18</sup>John 1:13 <sup>19</sup>Proverbs 14:17, Proverbs 16:32 <sup>21</sup>Colossians 3:8, Acts 13:26 <sup>22</sup>Matthew 7:21-28 <sup>23</sup>Luke 6:47 <sup>26</sup>Psalms 34:13 <sup>27</sup>Isaiah 1:17</p>	<p>This chapter is written by James addressed to all the Jewish and Christian communities outside of Palestine. Here James indicates that faith, when tested results in patience. And when patience is developed, it will result a “perfect and complete” individual who is mature in his walk with God. This chapter also talks about the fact that true faith is developed when an individual follows God’s Word and His law. True faith will result in doing God’s word and keeping His law—not just hearers of His word and His law.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Does this passage portray any sin for me to confess? Any command or instructions to obey/follow?</i></p> <p>This passage exhorts me to seek God and be joyous in the face of my faith being tested. For, testing will strengthen my faith and keep me grounded in the Lord’s word. It exhorts me to be “swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath” and, to “bridle” my tongue. It tells me not to be deceived that temptations are from God for, God has nothing to do with evil. It tells me to keep a strong control over my desires for they will ultimately lead me to temptation. And finally, it tells me that, should my faith be a true faith, it will result in works—a doer—and not just a hearer.</p>	<p>Patience through the testing of faith—it will result in an individual who is mature in his/her Christian walk.</p> <p>I can have a strong faith that is deeply anchored in the Word.</p> <p>If I ask in faith without doubting, God will give “liberally and without reproach.”</p> <p>I can develop a “pure and undefiled” religion that reflects a faith with works—that is cognizant of the travails of our fellow men and help to alleviate their suffering.</p>