

Questions on James chapter 1

1. How do we know which of the six James mentioned in the New Testament wrote the book? How do we know it was not the brother of John? Verse 1.

2. What is the meaning of “temptations” as used in this verse? Is it “patient endurance” under such “temptations” that brings blessing or joy? Verse 2.

3. Name the chain or progression of qualities in verses 3 and 4. Show how one leads to the other. Verses 3-4.

4. How does God give wisdom? How do we get knowledge? Does God give wisdom to certain ones only? What is it that God does not do when we ask for wisdom? Verse 5.

5. What is required if we expect to receive from God? What is a “double minded man” and how is he like a wave of the sea? Verses 6-8.

6. Who is the “brother of low degree”? What is meant by “exalted”? Is it a trial of faith to suddenly become rich? Why should such a one rejoice? Verse 9.

7. Why should the rich rejoice because he is “made low”? Would losing riches be a trial of faith? Verse 10.

8. How is a rich man like a blade of grass? When a rich man dies, will he then be rich or poor? Verse 11.

9. Is the temptation of this verse the same as that of verse 2? What are some of the blessings that come from enduring the trials of life? Verse 12.

10. What is the significant change in the treatment of temptation in this verse? How do we reconcile this verse with Jesus’ teaching us to pray “lead us not into temptation”? What is James’ reason for not saying “I am tempted of God”? Verse 13.

11. What is the real source of temptation? What is the solution for avoiding such temptation? Verse 14.

12. Does the appearance of evil desires, improper thoughts, and such constitute sin in themselves? If it does not, what is the danger inherent therein? Verse 15.

13. What is the “error” about which James warns? How many times in this epistle does James address his readers as “brethren”? Verse 16.

14. What are the “lights” of which God is the Father? What is the relationship of lights to “variableness” and “shadow of turning”? How does this describe God? Verse 17.

15. Instead of being the source of temptation, what did God will to do? Verse 18.

16. What three imperatives are given here to Christians? Verse 19.

17. Are those who are full of wrath equipped to listen to the truth about what to do to be in a condition acceptable to God? What is righteousness? Verse 20.

18. What is “superfluity of wickedness”? What will save our souls from such? Verse 21.

19. What is the delusion or deception in being hearers only? Verse 22.

20. Was the man's problem a defective look or was it that he turned away to other things? Verse 23.

21. What should a man do when he "beholds" his deficiencies? Verse 24.

22. What are two qualities of God's law stressed here? Is it enough to read the Bible or listen to preaching? Verse 25.

23. What two things mentioned in this verse will make a man's religion vain? Verse 26.

24. Is "pure and undefiled" religion something you get or something you do? What constitutes pure and undefiled religion? Verse 27.