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Here is a brief Summary of the Book of JAMES:

--"A double minded person is unstable in all their ways."

--"God tempts no one --a person is tempted by their own lusts and sins."

--"Be you the doers of God's Word and not hearers only --deceiving your own selves."

--"Faith without Works is dead."

--"Everything is tame except the tongues of peoples."

--"Submit yourself to God --Resist the devil in the Name of Jesus Christ --and he will flee from you."

--"Your life on earth is like a vapor or steam --that quickly disappears."

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Book of JAMES

CHAPTER 1

1 James --a Bondservant/slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

2 Consider it all Joy --my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various
Trials, 3 knowing that the trying/testing of your Faith --produces Endurance. 4 And let
endurance/patience have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete,
wanting nothing.

5 But if any of you lacks Wisdom --let them Ask of God, who gives to all generously
and without reproach, and it will be given to them.

6 But they --must Ask in Faith -- without --any Doubting, for the one who Doubts --is
like the waves of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For that person ought not to expect that they will receive anything from the Lord,

8 A Double-Minded person --is Unstable in all their ways.

9 The Saint of humble circumstances --is to glory in their high position; 10 and the rich
person is to glory in their humiliation, because like flowering grass they 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 person --in the
midst of their Selfish/greedy pursuits --will fade away/perish.

12 Blessed is the person who Perseveres under Trials/temptations; for once they have
proven Faithful by God, they will receive
--the Crown of Life --which the Lord has Promised to those --who Love Him.

13 Let no one say when they are Tempted --“I am being Tempted by God”; for God
cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does --Not Tempt anyone.

14 But each person is Tempted --when they are carried away and --Enticed by their Own
Lusts.

15 Then when Lust has conceived --it gives birth to Sin; and when Sin is accomplished,
it brings forth Death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved saints. 17 Every good thing
given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with
whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. 18 In the exercise of His will He brought
us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His
creatures.

19 This you know, my beloved brethren,

But everyone must be quick to hear --Slow to Speak and --Slow to Anger;

20 for the wrath of people does not achieve the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted into you, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be Doers --of God's Word,
---and not Hearers only --deceiving/deluding yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the Word of God and Not a doer --they are like a person who looks at their natural face in a mirror; 24 for once they have looked at themselves and gone away, they immediately forget what kind of person they looked like in the mirror.

25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the Law of Liberty, and abides by it, Not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual Doer, this person will be blessed in what they do.

26 If anyone thinks themselves to be religious, and
--does Not bridle/control --their Tongue they deceive their own heart.

This person's religion is worthless.

27 Pure Religion in the sight of our God and Father is this:
--to visit/help orphans and widows in their distress, and --to keep oneself without blemish, tainted, or filthy --by the Sins of the World.

CHAPTER 2

1 My brothers, and sisters do not hold Your Faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. 2 For if a person comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor person in dirty clothes, 3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor person, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool," 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

5 Listen, my beloved saints: did not God choose the poor of this world --to be Rich in Faith and Heirs of the Kingdom which He promised --to those who Love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? 7 Do they not blaspheme the fair name/Jesus Christ by which you have been called?

8 If, however, you are fulfilling the Royal Law according to the Scripture,
--“You shall Love your Neighbor --as Yourself,” --you are doing well.

9 But if you show Partiality/Favoritism, you are committing Sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole Law and yet stumbles in one point, has become Guilty of all.

11 For God who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be Judged by the Law of Liberty. 13 For Judgment will be Merciless --to the person --who has shown No Mercy; but showing/Giving Mercy --triumphs over Judgment.

14 What use is it, if someone says they have Faith --but they have No Works? Can that kind of Faith save them? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do --Not Give them what is necessary for their body --what use is that? 17 Even so Faith, if it --has No Works --is Dead --being by itself.

18 But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my Faith --by My Works.” 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and tremble.

20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish/unwise person --that Faith without Works --is dead/useless?

21 Was not Abraham --Justified by Works --when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that Faith was working with His Works, and as a result of the Works, Faith was Perfected.

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham Believed God, and it was reckoned/accounted to him as Righteousness,” and he was called the Friend of God. 24 You see that a person --is Justified by Works --and Not by Faith alone.

25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also Justified by Works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead --so also Faith without Works --is Dead --

CHAPTER 3

1 Let not many of you become Teachers, my fellow saints, knowing that as such we will incur a Stricter Judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does Not Sin in what they Say --they are a perfect person --able to bridle/control the whole body as well.

3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will Obey us, we direct their entire body as well. 4 Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the mariner desires. 5 So also the Tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire. 6 And the Tongue is a Fire, the very world of Iniquity; the Tongue is set among our members/bodies --as that which defiles/contaminates the entire body and sets on fire the course/direction of our life and is set on fire by hell.

7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. 8 But no one can --Tame the Tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My fellow saints, these things ought not to be this way.

11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? 12 Can a fig tree, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can saltwater produce fresh.

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let them show by their good behavior their Deeds/works with humbleness of Wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter Jealousy and Selfish Ambition in your heart, do Not be arrogant and so Lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is Not that which comes down from above, but is --earthly, natural, demonic.

16 For where Jealousy, Pride, and Selfish ambition exist --there is disorder/fighting and every evil thing.

17 But the Wisdom from Above --is first pure, then Peaceable, Gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in Peace by those who make Peace.

CHAPTER 4

1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source --Your Lusts that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; so you commit sinning. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel.

--You do not have --because you do Not Ask --

3 You ask and do Not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may do your sinful pleasures.

4 You adulteresses, do you not know --that Friendship with the World --is enmity/hostility --toward God?

Therefore, whoever wants to --be a Friend of the World Sinful System/peoples/actions -- makes themselves --an Enemy of God.

“God is opposed to the proud --but gives Grace to the Humble.”

7 --Submit yourselves to God --Resist the devil --in the Name of Jesus Christ and he will Flee from you.

8 Draw Near to God --and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 Humble Yourselves --in the presence/sight of the Lord, and --He will Exalt you.

11 Do not speak against --one another, fellow saints. Whoever speaks against a brother or sister and then Judges his brother or sister, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. 12 There is -- only --one Lawgiver and Judge, the One/God Almighty

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” 14 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow.

--Your Life on earth is --just like a Vapor/like Steam --
-- that appears for a little while --and then vanishes away.

15 Instead, you ought to say,

“If the Lord will --we will live and also do this or that.” 16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to the person who knows the right thing to do and does not do it --to them it is Sin.

CHAPTER 5

1 Come now, you Rich People --weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted --and your garments have become moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and your silver --have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure.

4 Behold, the pay of the laborers who worked your fields/crops, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting -- has reached the Ears of the Lord.

5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life --of wanton/sinful pleasure; you

have fattened your hearts—in/for a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and put to death --the righteous person; and they do not resist you.

7 Therefore be Patient, until the Day of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

8 You too be Patient; strengthen your hearts --for the Coming of the Lord is near. 9 Do not complain, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

10 As an example, saints, of suffering and patience --are the Prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord.

11 We count those blessed who Endured. You have heard of the endurance/patience of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, --that the Lord is full of Compassion and is Merciful.

12 Do Not Swear --either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

13 Is anyone among you suffering? --Then they must Pray. Is anyone cheerful? They are to sing Praises.

14 Is anyone among you Sick, Diseased, Paralyzed? Then they must call for the elders of the church and they are to --Pray over them,

--Anointing them with oil --in the Name of Jesus Christ --

15 and the Prayer offered in Faith --will Heal/restore the person/saint --who is sick, diseased, paralyzed.

--And the Lord will Heal and Raise them up, and --if they have committed Sins --they will be Forgiven.

. 16 Therefore, Confess your Sins to one another, and Pray for --one another so that you May be Healed.

--The effective fervent/Persistent Prayer of a righteous person/saint

--can accomplish much.

17 The prophet Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would Not rain, and it did not rain on the earth --for three years and six months. 18 Then he Prayed again --and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

19 My fellow saints, if any among you strays from the truth and one of you turns them back, 20 let them know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of their ways will Save their Soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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