

The Epistle of James

Week 2: James 1 – Trials/Temptations & Righteous Doers of the Word

Outline of the book of James

- A. 1:2-27 – Patience and faith in trials, sin & save your souls
- B. 2:1-7 – Rich and “the poor man”
- C. 2:8-13 – Royal law & partiality, Judged by the law of liberty
- D. 2:14-26 – Justification [*dikaio*] & works
- E. 3:1-12 – The tongue
- D’ 3:13-18 – Righteousness [*dikaiosune*], Wisdom, & works
- C’ 4:1-12 – Members at war; Judged by the Lawgiver
- B’ 4:13-5:6 – Rich & “the righteous one”
- A’ 5:7-21 – Patience in suffering, sin & save his soul

A. Patience and Faith in Trials 1:2-11

“Brothers” = Leaders ministers (Acts 15:22-13; 1 Cor. 16:12, 20; 3 Jn. 3, 5, 10; as prophets Rev 19:10; 22:9; James 3:1-18)

Trials to maturity (1:17, 25; 2:22; 3:2)

Heb. 12:2; 5:8-10; Matthew 5:11–12; Acts 5:40–42; 1 Pet. 1:6-9; 4:12-14

Various Trials → Patience → Maturity vs. Lacking wisdom → Doubting → Double-mindedness

B. Trails/Temptations and Sin 1:12-20

C. Be Doers of the Implanted Word of Truth 1:21-27

"It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their [the communists'] terms. It was a deal; we preached and they beat us. We were happy preaching. They were happy beating us, so everyone was happy."

~ Richard Wurmbrand 1909-2001, "Tortured for Christ"

