

Be Perfect and Complete: Lacking Nothing
James 1:1-18

Background

The author - James the brother of Jesus

Mt 13:55, Acts 12:17, Gal 1:19, Acts 21:18-26, Acts 15:13-29

The Epistle - Perhaps earliest book of the New Testament

The text

- (1) Remember who you are: A servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (2-3) Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, for they work patience, making you perfect and complete. Mt 6:13, Luk 4:13, Luk 11:4, Luk 22:28, 1 Pet 1:6-7, Phi 2:14, 2 Co 12:9-10
- (4) Be perfect and complete. 1 Jn 4:18, 1 Co 14:20, Col 1:28, Mat 5:48, Mat 19:21, Col 4:12, Luk 8:15, Luk 21:18-19, Rom 5:3-5, Rom 15:4, Heb 12:1
- (5) God gives wisdom to those who ask, but it comes through victory over trials. Eph 3:9-10
- (6-8) Do not doubt God's working in the midst of trials.
- (9-11) Rich and poor are both one in Christ.
- (12) Enduring trials and temptation show our love of God and lead to the crown of life.
- (13-15) Temptations and sin come from our own desires. We have no one to blame but ourselves. Mar 7:15
- (16-18) Patience and wisdom, born of trials and temptations, are good and perfect gifts from God. Eph 2:8-10