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Chapter 1

(1) James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
 (2) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
 (3) Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
 (4) But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
 (5) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
 (6) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
 (7) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
 (8) A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.
 (9) Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
 (10) But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
 (11) For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
 (12) Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

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 (3) Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith works patience.
 (4) But let patience have *her* perfect work, that you may be perfect {spiritually mature} and complete, lacking nothing.
 (5) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, Who gives to all *men* liberally, and does not rebuke; and it shall be given him.
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 (12) Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation: because when he is tried, he shall receive the crown^b of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

1:1a – James – half -brother of Jesus – Mat. 13:55; Mark 6:3; Gal. 1:19; Acts 1:13; Acts 15:13
 1:12b - crown - stephanous [στέφανος] crown - crown of victory [not diadem which is a kingly crown]

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(13) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
(14) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
(15) Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
(16) Do not err, my beloved brethren.
(17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
(18) Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
(19) Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
(20) For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
(21) Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
(22) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
(23) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
(24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

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(18) Of His own will He fathered us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
(19) Therefore, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger:
(20) Because the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God.
(21) Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of evil, and receive with humility the in-grafted word, which is able to save your souls.
(22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
(23) Because if anyone is a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror:
(24) Because he sees himself, and goes his way, and immediately forgets what he looks like.