

“Introduction to the Book of James”

Intro: The book of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. This book has had a history of \_\_\_\_\_ and prejudice.

1. Because the church misused this scripture, Martin Luther wrote of this book saying, “Saint James’s epistle is a right \_\_\_\_\_ epistle.

a. Such neglect and prejudices shown this Book are \_\_\_\_\_.

B. This book is keenly and powerfully practical. Though it is not deep in presenting doctrinal truths, it is extremely deep in presenting \_\_\_\_\_ (living that conforms to the doctrinal teachings of scripture).

1. Sound Bible doctrine that is believed must be \_\_\_\_\_ in the believer’s life.

2. Edmund Hiebert writes, “This epistle sternly \_\_\_\_\_ upon Christian \_\_\_\_\_ consistent with Christian belief, heaps scathing contempt upon all \_\_\_\_\_ profession, ...”

C. Some refer to this book as the miniature “\_\_\_\_\_ on the Mount” (Matt. 5-7).

D. The \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Author is \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16).

2. The penman is \_\_\_\_\_.

a. The James who wrote this letter is the half-brother of \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 1:1**

I. James identifies himself as “a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.”

A. Such a slave would be one who was bound to exclusively and permanently \_\_\_\_\_ the will of their \_\_\_\_\_.

B. James identifies himself as a bond-servant of \_\_\_\_\_. He serves God \_\_\_\_\_ and depends upon God \_\_\_\_\_.

1. It is an \_\_\_\_\_ to be a bond-slave to God.

C. James further identifies himself as a bond-servant of “the \_\_\_\_\_” \_\_\_\_\_.

1. In claiming to be a bond-servant to both God and the Lord Jesus Christ, he claims they are \_\_\_\_\_!

a. If we are going to be a servant of God, we must be a servant of Jesus Christ. We cannot claim to serve God and \_\_\_\_\_ the commandments of Christ Jesus for they are One!

2. James also identifies his half brother Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ - the Messiah!

3. James declares Jesus to be his “\_\_\_\_\_.”

II. James original audience was the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Truth is not \_\_\_\_\_ to an era. It truly is as Edmund Hiebert wrote, “This epistle sternly insists upon Christian practice consistent with Christian belief, ... Its stress upon the gospel’s ethical imperative makes the epistle as \_\_\_\_\_ today as when it was first written.”

III. James \_\_\_\_\_ the reader.

A. The word translated “Greetings” literally means, “Rejoice” or “Be glad!” Immediately James tells the persecuted believer that they have cause to “\_\_\_\_\_!”

1. James was writing to \_\_\_\_\_ a people who had suffered much for their blood line; and moreover, been \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith in Christ.

a. James’ letter will:

\_\_\_\_\_ the believer in their faith that they might stand and know for what they stand;

\_\_\_\_\_ the believer in their living that they might live in peace one with another;

\_\_\_\_\_ the believer contentment in all things as they wait patiently upon the return of the Lord!

Who is the Lord to you?

Dear church, this salvation that we possess is not a casual salvation, but it is a salvation that is of the Holy God and His Son Jesus. Have you found it to be your greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in being a bond-servant of God, and of the Lord Jesus Christ?

When we come to find our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in serving the Lord our God, and Jesus who is the Christ, we will find the instruction of this letter most applicable, and we will not be casual about obeying this instruction, but we will \_\_\_\_\_ it.

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