

AN OUTLINE OF JAMES

- 1:1-11 INTRODUCTION OF THE THREE MAIN TOPICS:^{*}
- 1) Faith applied to Trials: humbly submit to God=s good purposes for you
 - 2) Faith applied to Wisdom: humbly seek God=s good will for you
 - 3) Faith applied to Relationships: humbly accept God=s good role for you
- THOSE WITH TRUE FAITH IN JESUS WILL HUMBLY:
- 1:12-18 Trials I: admit responsibility for sin and give thanks for God=s good gifts
- 1:19-26 Wisdom I: be quick to listen and serve but be slow to speak and get angry
- 1:27-2:13 Relationships I: give no favoritism to the rich but be merciful to the needy
- 2:14-26 Trials II: show that we trust God by our actions, not just our proclamations
- 3:1-18 Wisdom II: speak and live with a gentleness which sows peace instead of disorder
- 4:1-12 Relationships II: draw near to God with repentance rather than to the world with quarrels
- 4:13-5:11 Trials III: place no trust in man=s plans, riches or revenge but await the coming of the Lord
- 5:12-18 Wisdom III: go to the elders and one another for confession, prayer, healing and assurance
- 5:19-20 Relationships III: watch out for one another in case any of us stray from the truth

^{*} these three interact and overlap with one another in the various texts