

OUTLINES OF JAMES

Handout for Lesson 2 on James & Jude

<u>Outline #1</u>	<u>Outline #2</u>	<u>Outline #3</u>
<p>1. Address & salutation. 1:1</p> <p>2. Trials and Christian Maturity. 1:2-28.</p> <p>a. Letting trials accomplish their purpose. 1:2-4.</p> <p>b. Wisdom, prayer, and faith. 1:5-8.</p> <p>c. Poverty and wealth. 1:9-11.</p> <p>d. Trials and temptations. 1:12-18.</p> <p>3. True Christianity Seen In Its Works. 1:19 – 2:26.</p> <p>a. An exhortation regarding speech and anger. 1:19-20.</p> <p>b. Be doers of the word. 1:21-27.</p> <p>c. Impartiality and the law of love. 2:1-13.</p> <p>d. The faith that saves. 2:14-26.</p> <p>4. Dissensions within the community.</p> <p>a. The harmful effects of the uncontrolled tongue. 3:1-12.</p> <p>b. True wisdom brings peace. 3:13-18.</p> <p>c. Evil passions are the source of dissensions. 4:1-3.</p> <p>d. A summons to repentance. 4:4-10.</p> <p>e. A prohibition of critical speech. 4:11-12.</p> <p>5. Implications of a Christian World-View. 4:13 – 5:11.</p> <p>a. A condemnation of arrogance. 4:13-17.</p> <p>b. A condemnation of those who misuse wealth. 5:1-6.</p> <p>c. An encouragement to endure patiently. 5:7-11.</p> <p>6. Concluding Exhortations. 5:12-20.</p> <p>a. Oaths. 5:12.</p> <p>b. Prayer and healing. 5:13-18.</p> <p>c. A closing summons to action. 5:19-20.</p>	<p>Purpose: James wants each of his readers to become a “perfect man” (3:2). Bearing this ideal in mind the Epistle may be outlined as follows:</p> <p>Salutation. 1:1</p> <p>1. In his attitude toward trials and temptations. 1:2-18.</p> <p>2. In his reception of the word. 1:19-27.</p> <p>3. In his impartiality toward others. 2:1-13.</p> <p>4. In his credentials of faith. 2:14-26.</p> <p>5. In his use of the tongue. 3:1-12.</p> <p>6. In his attitude toward true wisdom. 3:13-18.</p> <p>7. In his amiableness, unworldliness, and humility. 4:1-10.</p> <p>8. In his considerateness of his fellows. 4:11-12.</p> <p>9. In his business affairs. 4:13-5:6.</p> <p>10. In his patience and endurance. 5:7-12.</p> <p>11. In his conduct in affliction. 5:13-18.</p> <p>12. In his effort in behalf of an erring brother. 5:19-20.</p>	<p>1. Salutation. 1:1.</p> <p>2. The nature of true religion. 1:2-27.</p> <p>a. Stability. 1:2-11.</p> <p>b. Endurance. 1:2-18.</p> <p>c. Action. 1:19-27.</p> <p>3. The nature of true faith. 2:1 – 3:12.</p> <p>a. Avoidance of discrimination. 2:1-13.</p> <p>b. Avoidance of inactive profession. 2:14-26.</p> <p>c. Avoidance of boastful officiousness. 3:1-12.</p> <p>4. The nature of true wisdom. 3:13 – 5:18.</p> <p>a. Wisdom defined. 3:13-18.</p> <p>b. Wisdom in spiritual life. 4:1-10.</p> <p>c. Wisdom in legal relationships. 4:11-12.</p> <p>d. Wisdom in commercial plans. 4:13-17.</p> <p>e. Wisdom in labor problems. 5:1-6.</p> <p>f. Wisdom in waiting for the Lord. 5:7-11.</p> <p>g. Wisdom in language. 5:12.</p> <p>h. Wisdom in affliction. 5:13-18.</p> <p>5. The purpose of wisdom – an effective testimony. 5:19-20.</p>