

# JAMES<sup>5</sup>

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**Recipients:** Jewish Believers

**Theme:** Faith Demonstrated by Works

**Key Verse:** 2:18

*But someone may well say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."*

## Salutation (1:1)

### I. TRUE FAITH ENDURES TESTING (1:2-27).

1. Testing Is Productive (1:2-4).
2. Testing Requires Wisdom (1:5-8).
3. Testing Reaches Into The Practical (1:9-11).
4. Testing Is Rewarding (1:12).
5. Testing Is Traceable to a Basic Source (1:13-18).
6. Testing Demands Safeguards (1:19-27).

### II. TRUE FAITH EVIDENCES EQUALITY (2:1-26).

1. Equality In Attitude Is Important (2:1-9).
2. Equality In Activity Is Imperative (2:10-13).
3. Equality In Affirmation Is Impelled (2:14-26).

### III. TRUE FAITH EXERCISES CONTROL (3:1-18).

1. There Is Need To Control the Tongue (3:1-12).
2. There Is Need To Control the Heart (3:13-18).

### IV. TRUE FAITH EVINCES GODLINESS (4:1-5:20).

1. Godliness Is Never the Source of Conflict (4:1-2b).
2. Godliness Is Never the Source of Empty-Handedness (4:2c-3).
3. Godliness Is Never Reflected In Friendship with the World (4:4-5).
4. Godliness Commences With Personal Humility and Submission to God (4:6-10).
5. Godliness Demonstrates A Check on Human Judgments (4:11-12).
6. Godliness Acknowledges God's Will as Supreme (4:13-17).
7. Godliness Requires Practical Ethics (5:1-11).
8. Godliness Eliminates Idle Chatter (5:12).
9. Godliness Avails Toward the Sick (5:13-18).
10. Godliness Shepherds Straying Believers (5:19-20)