



James

The epistle of James although taking the form of a letter feels much more like a sermon. It is the closest that any New Testament book comes to being a part of the wisdom tradition since time and time again it urges its recipients to live their lives according to the wisdom that comes from God rather than earthly wisdom. At the heart of the letter lies the invitation not just to listen to good advice but to put it into action.



How long will it take?

Reading time: 16 mins
Short of time? Just read 1.1-7; 2.1-17; 3.1-13



Genre

Epistle/wisdom



Inspiring quotes

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

(James 1.5)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

(James 1.17)

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

(James 2.15-17)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

(James 3.13)

