



MZBMP

### **Quick Overview of James and Chapter 1:**

1. James – Pastor of the church at Jerusalem wrote to the scattered church members who functioned in smaller churches (mainly in Asia Minor or Turkey). (1:1). This is for the local church and church members.
2. The book of James – Theme: Active or Living Faith. (James 2:26)
3. Two Major Thematic Divisions or Developments – Ch.1-3:12 True Faith; Ch. 3:13-5 True Wisdom.
4. Chapter 1 – Rejoice in the midst of Temptations (testings) (vv.1-12); Exhortations concerning Temptations (sinful invitation to sin) (vv.13-18); Applying the Word of Truth (vv.19-27).
5. Chapter 2 – Admonitions Against the Respect of Persons (vv.1-13); Active Faith (vv.14-26).

**Title:** Have Not the Faith with Respect of Persons (part 1)

**Text:** James 2:1

“My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.”

**Pagsasalin:** Mga kapatid ko, kayo ay may pananampalataya na nasa Panginoong Jesucristo na Panginoon ng kaluwalhatian at kayo na may pananampalatayang ito ay huwag magkaroon ng pagtatangi ng mga tao. (Santiago 2:1)

**Pangunahing aralin:** Ang tunay at buhay na pananampalataya ay hindi lamang may pagmamalasakit sa mga fatherless and widows, at sa pag-iwas ng bahid ng kamunduhan, ito rin ay patas sa pagtrato nila sa mga kapatiran at hindi sa panlabas.

#### **I. My Brethren**

- A. Mentioned 15X in the book of James.
- B. These are the Jerusalem church members who were scattered because of persecution.

#### **II. Have Not The Faith**

- A. “The Faith” (that Jesus Christ taught – that Jude says is “once delivered” – Jude 1:3).
- B. Profess not yourselves.
- C. Regard not or Esteem not in others.
- D. Imperative – though in the negative – “have not” (this is a command, not optional).

#### **III. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory**

- A. Faith in the Lord Christ.
- B. The Object of our Faith is meant – the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one in the church who should be pre-eminent.

#### **IV. With Respect of Persons**

- A. “Persons” a figure of speech (synecdoche) refers to the whole or entire soul (body + spirit).
- B. People “respect persons” when they evaluate people they focus on the external, worldly condition, economic status. (Rom. 2:11; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25) – favoritism based on externals.
- C. The scattered churches were able to assemble under persecution but violated the law of love.

**Conclusion** (Katapusan):

1. The early church struggled with racial prejudice. There is no room in the churches for this.
2. The Old Testament is against “respect of persons” (Lev. 19:15; Deut. 10:17); the New Testament is also against it (Acts 10:34); and God does not have it (Acts 15:9).
3. The Lord Jesus ministered to Nicodemus (Jn. 3) and the Samaritan woman (Jn. 4) – Ps. 33:8.
4. We cannot honor the Lord Jesus and have respect of persons in the assembly.
5. We shall look at three reasons why we ought not have “respect of persons” in the next messages.