

## Notes for James 1:1-8

- Who is James?
- What are trials?
- What is testing?

### James

**James**, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, (James 1:1)

<sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; **James** the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; **James** the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; (Matthew 10:2-3)

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers **James** and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (Matthew 13:55)

<sup>55</sup> There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup> among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of **James** and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. (Matthew 27:56)

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of **James**, (Jude 1:1)

### Trials / Temptations (*peirazō, peirasmos*)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet **trials** of various kinds, (James 1:2)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted** by the devil.,, <sup>3</sup> And the **tempter** came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” (Matthew 4:1,3)

And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to **test** him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. (Matthew 16:1)

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the **test**, you hypocrites?” (Matthew 22:18)

And lead us not into **temptation**, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:13)

Watch and pray that you may not enter into **temptation**. (Matthew 26:41)

### Testing / Authentication (*dokimazō, dokimion, dokimos*)

for you know that the **testing** of your faith produces steadfastness. (James 1:3)

Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and **approved** by men. (Romans 14:18)

so that the **tested genuineness** of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is **tested** by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:7)