[1]James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.[2]My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;[3]Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.[4]But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.[5]If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.[6]But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.[7]For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.[8]A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.[9]Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:[10]But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.[11]For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.[12]Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.[13]Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:[14]But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.[15]Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.[16]Do not err, my beloved brethren.[17]Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.[18]Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.[19]Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:[20]For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.[21]Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.[22]But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.[23]For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:[24]For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.[25]But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.[26]If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.[27]Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.