



**James 1:1-4**

**Trials**

**Part 1**

**The Purpose**

# Today's Outline

- Author and Date
- Salutation
- Recipients of this Letter
- Trials, The Purpose



# Author (v 1a)

James: ē-ä'-kō-bos

1. Son of Zebedee (Mat 4:21), an apostle and brother of the apostle John, commonly called James the greater or elder, slain by Herod, Acts 12
2. An apostle, son of Alphaeus, called the less (Matt 10:3)
3. an unknown James, father of the apostle Judas (Luke 6:16)
4. **James the half-brother of Christ** (Matt 13:55)



# Author (v 1a)

James: ē-ä'-kō-bos

- Most agree that James the ½ brother of Christ is most likely
- He became the leader of the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:3, Gal. 2:9)

## Date and Place (v 1a)

- Acts 15 Jerusalem council met in 49 A.D. and agreed that gospel should be shared with the gentiles.
- Epistle of James has no mention of Gentiles
- Approximate Date Written: A.D. 45 to A.D. 48
- Josephus the Jewish historian records James death in 62 A.D.



# Salutation (v 1b)

Servant - *doulos*

1) a slave, bondman, man of servile condition

**Deuteronomy 15:16-17 (NLT)**

“But suppose your servant says, ‘I will not leave you,’ because he loves you and your family, and he has done well with you. 17 In that case, take an awl and push it through his earlobe into the door. After that, he will be your servant for life. And do the same for your female servants.



# Salutation (v 1b)

## *Lord - kyrios*

1. He to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord
  1. the possessor and disposer of a thing
2. The owner; one who has control of the person, the master



# Recipients of this Letter (v 1c)

Scattered - *diaspora*

1) A scattering, dispersion

a) of Israelites dispersed among foreign nations

- Israel scattered in 722 B.C. by Assyria
- Christians scattered from Jerusalem around 36 A.D. (Acts 8:1)



# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 2)

## Count it – hēgeomai

1. to lead
  - a) to go before
  - b) to be a leader
2. to rule, command
3. to have authority over
4. to consider, deem, account, think

Translation Count — Total: 28

count 10, think 4, esteem 3, have rule over 3,  
be governor 2, misc 6



# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 2)

## Count it – hēgeomai

Part of Speech – Verb

Mood – Indicative

- The aspect of the grammatical "mood" of a verb has to do with the statement's relationship to reality.
- The indicative mood is the only mood conceived of as actual while with the other three moods (imperative, subjunctive, and optative) the action is only thought of as possible or potential.



# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 2)

## **Trials – peirasmos**

Part of Speech – masculine noun

1) an experiment, proving, trial

# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 3)

## Patience – *hypomonē*

Part of Speech – feminine noun

1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance



# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 4)

## Perfect – *teleios*

Part of Speech – adjective

- 1) brought to its end, finished
- 2) wanting nothing necessary to completeness
- 3) perfect

# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 4)

## Complete – *holoklēros*

Part of Speech – adjective

1) complete in all its parts, in no part wanting or unsound, complete, entire, whole



# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 4)

## Lacking – *leipō*

**Part of Speech:** verb

**Tense:** Present

**Voice:** Passive - The passive voice represents the subject as being the recipient of the action. E.g., in the sentence, "The boy was hit by the ball," the boy receives the action.

1) to leave, leave behind, forsake, to be left behind



# Wisdom in a Trial, Grows Us (v 4)

**1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)** So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. <sup>7</sup> These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.



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