

James Commentaries & Sermons

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JAMES Faith for Living

Motives for Works		The Place of Works: Outward Demonstration of Inner Faith					Outreach of Works
Jas 1:1-18	Jas 1:19-2:13	Jas 2:14-25	Jas 3:1-12	Jas 3:13-4:12	Jas 4:13-5:12	Jas 5:13-19	
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FAITH AT WORK							

Key Words -- See importance of [key words](#) - learn how to [mark key words](#) and the associated discipline of how to [interrogate them with 5W/H questions](#). Practice "interrogating" key words as well as [term of conclusion](#) (therefore), [term of explanation](#) (for), [terms of purpose or result](#) (so that, in order that, that, as a result), [terms of contrast](#) (but, yet), [expressions of time](#) (including [then](#); [until](#), after) and [terms of comparison](#) (like, as). You will be amazed at how your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, will illuminate your understanding, a spiritual blessing that will grow the more you practice! Be diligent! Consider the "5P's" - **P**ause to **P**onder the **P**assage then **P**actice it in the **P**ower of the Spirit. See also [inductive Bible study](#) - [observation \(Observe With a Purpose\)](#), [Interpretation \(Keep Context King, Read Literally, Compare Scripture with Scripture, Consult Conservative Commentaries\)](#), and then be a doer of the Word with [Application](#). Do not overlook "doing the word" for if you do you are deluding yourself, and are just a "smarter sinner," but not more like the Savior! As Jesus said "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28+, cf James 1:22+),

See discussion of marking key words. [Observation Worksheet on James](#) with double spaced text for marking Key Words, Making lists, taking notes that you can later transfer to your Bible

- **Perfect** - James 1:4 James 1:17 James 1:25 James 3:2
- **Sin** - James 1:15 James 2:9 James 4:8 James 4:17 James 5:13 James 5:15 James 5:16 James 5:20
- **Riches** - James 1:10 James 1:11 James 2:5 James 2:6 James 5:1 James 5:2
- **Faith** (faith 16x/12v) - James 1:3 James 1:6 James 2:1 James 2:5 James 2:14 James 2:17 James 2:18 James 2:19 James 2:20 James 2:22 James 2:23 James 2:24 James 2:26 James 5:15
- **Believe** - James 2:19, James 2:23
- **Works** - James 2:14 James 2:17 James 2:18 James 2:20 James 2:21 James 2:22 James 2:24 James 2:25 James 2:26
- **Do** - James 1:16; James 2:1; James 2:7; James 2:11; James 2:16; James 2:19; James 3:14; James 4:2; James 4:3; James 4:4; James 4:5; James 4:11; James 4:14; James 4:15; James 4:17; James 5:9; James 5:12
- **Judge** - James 2:4 James 2:12 James 2:13 James 3:1 James 4:11 James 4:12 James 5:9 James 5:12
- **Law** (12x/8v) - James 1:25 James 2:8 James 2:9 James 2:10 James 2:11 James 2:12 James 4:11 James 4:12
- **Say** - James 1:13 James 2:3 James 2:14 James 2:16 James 2:18 James 2:23 James 3:2 James 4:6 James 4:13 James 4:15
- **Bless/Blessed/Blessing** - James 1:12 James 1:25 James 3:9 James 3:10 James 5:11
- **Fruit** - James 1:18 James 3:17 James 3:18 James 5:18

[Introduction to James by Dr John MacArthur](#): Title, Author, Date, Background, Setting, Historical, Theological Themes, Interpretive Challenges, Outline by Chapter/Verse. Excellent overview.

James, with its devotion to direct, pungent statements on wise living, is reminiscent of the book of Proverbs. It has a practical emphasis, stressing not theoretical knowledge, but godly behavior. James wrote with a passionate desire for his readers to be uncompromisingly obedient to the Word of God. He used at least 30 references to nature (e.g., "wave of the sea" [1:6]; "reptile" [3:7]; and "heaven gave rain" [5:18]), as befits one who spent a great deal of time outdoors. He complements Paul's emphasis on justification by faith with his own emphasis on spiritual fruitfulness demonstrating true faith.

There are a number of ways to outline the book to grasp the arrangement of its content. One way is to arrange it around a series of tests by which the genuineness of a person's faith may be measured.

- Introduction (James 1:1)
- I. The Test of Perseverance in Suffering (James 1:2–12)
- II. The Test of Blame in Temptation (James 1:13–18)
- III. The Test of Response to the Word (James 1:19–27)
- IV. The Test of Impartial Love (James 2:1–13)
- V. The Test of Righteous Works (James 2:14–26)
- VI. The Test of the Tongue (James 3:1–12)
- VII. The Test of Humble Wisdom (James 3:13–18)
- VIII. The Test of Worldly Indulgence (James 4:1–12)
- IX. The Test of Dependence (James 4:13–17)
- X. The Test of Patient Endurance (James 5:1–11)
- XI. The Test of Truthfulness (James 5:12)
- XII. The Test of Prayerfulness (James 5:13–18)
- XIII. The Test of True Faith (James 5:19, 20)

The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia states: "The Epistle of James is the most Jewish writing in the New Testament. The Gospel according to Matthew was written for the Jews. The Epistle to the Hebrews is addressed explicitly to them. The Apocalypse is full of the spirit of the Old Testament. The Epistle of Jude is Jewish too. Yet all of these books have more of the distinctively Christian element in them than we can find in the Epistle of James. If we eliminate two or three passages containing references to Christ, the whole epistle might find its place just as properly in the Canon of the Old Testament as in that of the New Testament, as far as its substance of doctrine and contents is concerned. That could not be said of any other book in the New Testament. There is no mention of the incarnation or of the resurrection, the two fundamental facts of the Christian faith. The word 'gospel' does not occur in the epistle. There is no suggestion that the Messiah has appeared and no presentation of the possibility of redemption through Him."

Douglas J. Moo, in his commentary on James, writes about the background of the epistle: "The epistle of James has had a controversial history. Along with 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, and Jude, it belongs to that category of New Testament epistles called 'general' or 'catholic' (in the sense of 'universal') (See [catholic epistles](#)). This designation was given to these seven letters early in the history of the church because each appears to be addressed to the church at large rather than to a single congregation. These letters also shared an uncertain status in many areas of the early church. Along with Hebrew and Revelation, several of them were the last to achieve generally recognized canonical status. In the case of James, it was not until the end of the fourth century that both eastern and western Christendom acknowledged it as Scripture...James, said Luther, 'mangles the Scriptures and thereby opposes Paul and all Scripture' ... and he characterized the letter as 'an epistle of straw.' Along with Jude, Hebrews and Revelation, therefore, Luther consigned James to the end of his German translation of the New Testament. But, while Luther obviously had difficulties with James and came close to giving the letter a secondary status, his criticism should not be overdrawn. He did not exclude James from the canon and, it has been estimated, cites of half the verses of James as authoritative in his writings. Even 'the epistle of straw' reference must be understood in its context: Luther is not dismissing James as worthless, but contrasting it unfavorably with the 'chief books' (John's Gospel, 1 John, Paul's epistles [especially Romans, Galatians and Ephesians] and 1 Peter), which show you Christ and teach you all that is necessary and salutary for you to know, even if you were never to see or hear any other book or doctrine.' Therefore, Luther says of James elsewhere, 'I cannot include him among the chief books, though I would not prevent anyone from including or extolling him as he pleases, for there are otherwise many good sayings in him.' Few of the other reformers followed Luther in his criticism of James. Calvin, for instance, while admitting that James 'seems more sparing in proclaiming the grace of Christ than it behooved an apostle to be,' notes that 'it is not surely required of all to handle the same arguments.' He accepted the apostolic authority of James and Paul on the issue of justification. Calvin's approach is surely the correct one. In hindsight, we can see that Luther's excitement over his 'discovery' of the doctrine of justification by faith and is polemical context prevented him from taking a balanced approach to James and some other New Testament books. With greater knowledge of the Jewish background of James, and at a distance of several centuries from the battles Luther was fighting, we can appreciate the way James and Paul complement one another. Their opponents are different, and their arguments accordingly different, but each makes an important contribution to our understanding of faith."

J Sidlow Baxter - We can scarcely agree with those who say that the epistle is "almost impossible to analyze." It is not simply a chain of one-after-another thoughts; there are easily distinguishable areas.

- Chapter 1 is decidedly about temptation and considerations associated with it (see James 1:2,12,13,14; then James 1:17, which assures us that, other than temptation, only good comes from above). The first proof of true faith, says James, is endurance of temptation.
- Chapter 2 is equally clearly devoted to impartial benevolence, as a further proof of true faith (see specially verses 1-4,14-18)
- Chapter 3 follows with its unsparing, graphic deliverance on control of the tongue, as another proof of true Christian faith. It has been truly said that there is scarcely a more "burning and scorching" paragraph in the New Testament.
- The remainder of the letter (James 4:1-5:6) exhorts us to godliness in all things-in a series of flashlights on successive aspects.

There is no need here for a closer analysis. Let us clearly see the central stem and its main outreachings:

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES Theme: The Proofs of Faith

- Proof 1 - ENDURANCE OF TEMPTATION (James 1).
- Proof 2 - IMPARTIAL BENEVOLENCE (James 2).
- Proof 3 - CONTROL OF THE TONGUE (James 3).
- Proof 4 - GODLINESS IN ALL THINGS (James 4:1-5:6).
- Final encouragements, James 5:7-20. ([Explore the Book-J. Sidlow Baxter-recommended](#))

Henrietta Mears - The book of James is the most practical of all the Epistles, and has been called "A Practical Guide to Christian Life and Conduct." This book is the Proverbs of the New Testament. It is filled with moral precepts. It states the ethics of Christian faith. It is full of figures and metaphors. It is often quite dramatic in style. It compels the reader to think. Hebrews presents doctrine; James presents deeds. They go together in vital Christian faith. Some people have suggested that there is a conflict between what Paul and James have to say, but only superficial reading of both would warrant that accusation. Paul says, "Take the gospel in." James says, "Take it out." Paul saw Christ in the heavens, establishing our righteousness. James saw Him on the earth, telling us to be as perfect as His Father in heaven is perfect. Paul dwells on the source of our faith. James tells about the fruit of our faith. One lays the foundations in Christ; the other builds the superstructure. Christ is both "the author and finisher" (Hebrews 12:2) of our faith. Not only believe that fact, but live it! Although Paul lays great stress upon justification by faith, we have noticed in his epistles, especially in Titus, that he emphasizes good works. It is an astounding fact that while Paul uses the expression "rich in good works" (1 Timothy 6:18), James uses "rich in faith" (James 2:5). It is good to notice, too, that when James seems to speak in a slighting way of faith, he means a faith that is mere intellectual belief that does not produce works, not a "saving faith" that is so essential. James exalts faith. He says that its trials produce patience in a person. James begins and ends with a strong encouragement to pray (see James 1:5-8; 5:13-18). Prayer is one of the easiest subjects to talk about but one of the hardest things to practice....

Spiritual arithmetic is of value, and the arithmetic of the Bible is important enough that none of us can afford to ignore it. James invites Christians to count: "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations" (James 1:2). We usually count it joy when we escape temptation and sorrow. In addition, we should count testing as a glorious opportunity to prove our faith, just as the car manufacturer knows that the best proof of the car's worth is the road test. Why we must "count it all joy" is not because of the trial itself but because of what it will work out. In other words, use your trials. What is the purpose of testing? God uses our trials to give us blessings (see James 1:3). Too often our trials result in our impatience, but God will give us grace so that His real purpose will be accomplished. Patience is necessary more than anything else in our faith life. We forget that time is nothing to God, for with Him a thousand years is as one day; and one day, as a thousand years (see 1 Peter 3:8). Christ's purpose for our lives is that we will be perfect and complete, wanting nothing....

JAMES 1:22-2: OUR ACTIONS REFLECT OUR FAITH - Don't be merely listeners to God's Word, but put the gospel into practice. What is the good of people saying they have faith if they do not prove it by their actions? We must not be satisfied with only listening. We must be doing (see James 1:22). People who are listeners and not doers are like those who look at themselves in a mirror and then go away and forget what they looked like (see James 1:24). James says we must keep looking into the mirror of God's Word to remember how we look, to find out the sins in our lives. Those who look carefully into the Scriptures and practice them will be blessed in what they do. The religion of those who think they are religious but don't control their tongues is vain. The religion that does not influence the tongue is not a true or vital one. An uncontrolled tongue in a Christian is a terrible thing—guard against it. And control your temper. It is dangerous. When you undergo a trial, be slow to speak. Close off the air to a fire and the flames will go out (see James 1:26).

What are we to do with the Word?

- Receive it—James 1:21
- Hear it—James 1:23

- Do it—James 1:22
- Examine it—James 1:25

James 3 - Our Words Reveal Our Faith - Our speech reveals what we are and who we belong to. It expresses our personality more than anything else....We should not with the same tongue praise God and curse people who are made in His likeness! Cruel words have wrecked homes, broken friendships, divided churches and sent untold millions to ruin and despair. Many people who call themselves Christians don't seem to make the slightest effort to control their tongues, and this is wrong.

James 4 - The world consists of all the things around us and the spirit within us that are blind and deaf to the value of spiritual things and care nothing about doing the will of God. The devil has organized this world on principles opposed to God in every way. They are principles of force, greed, ambition, selfishness and pleasure. The believer should be crucified to this world (see Galatians 6:14)....

How easy it is for us to plan without God, yet how futile! Let us submit all our plans to the Lord and see what His will is in every matter—"if the Lord will" (James 4:15). One of the most amazing things in all of God's Word is that though He holds the whole universe in His hands, He has a definite plan for each one of our lives. Our lives are a series of surprises for us. We live just one day at a time. We don't know what tomorrow will bring, but God does (see 1 John 3:1–2). What a wonderful God we have! ([What the Bible is All About](#) - Recommended Resource)

Wiersbe: "The Epistle of James was written to help us understand and attain spiritual maturity (James 1:4b)... James used the word perfect several times, a word that means 'mature, complete' (see James 1:4, 17, 25; 2:22; 3:2). By 'a perfect man' (James 3:2) James did not mean a sinless man, but rather one who is mature, balanced, grown-up."

Talk Thru the Bible - Christ in James—James refers to the "Lord Jesus Christ" (1:1; 2:1), and he anticipates "the coming of the Lord" (5:7–8). Compared to other New Testament writers, James says little about Christ, and yet his speech is virtually saturated with allusions to the teaching of Christ. The Sermon on the Mount is especially prominent in James's thinking (there are c. fifteen indirect references; e.g., James 1:2 and Matt. 5:10–12; James 1:4 and Matt. 5:48; James 2:13 and Matt. 6:14–15; James 4:11 and Matt. 7:1–2; James 5:2 and Matt. 6:19). This epistle portrays Christ in the context of early messianic Judaism. (Bruce Wilkinson)

Charles Swindoll - In the opening of his letter, James called himself a bond-servant of God, an appropriate name given the practical, servant-oriented emphasis of the book. Throughout the book, James contended that faith produces authentic deeds. In other words, if those who call themselves God's people truly belong to Him, their lives will produce deeds or fruit. In language and themes that sound similar to Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, James rails against the hypocritical believer who says one thing but does another. For James, faith was no abstract proposition but had effects in the real world. James offered numerous practical examples to illustrate his point: faith endures in the midst of trials, calls on God for wisdom, bridles the tongue, sets aside wickedness, visits orphans and widows, and does not play favorites. He stressed that the life of faith is comprehensive, impacting every area of our lives and driving us to truly engage in the lives of other people in the world. While James recognized that even believers stumble ([James 3:2](#)), he also knew that faith should not coexist with people who roll their eyes at the less fortunate, ignore the plight of others, or curse those in their paths.

More than any other book in the New Testament, James places the spotlight on the necessity for believers to act in accordance with our faith. How well do your actions mirror the faith that you proclaim? This is a question that we all struggle to answer well. We would like to point to all the ways our faith and works overlap but too often see only gaps and crevices. As you read the letter from James, focus on those areas that he mentioned: your actions during trials, your treatment of those less fortunate, the way you speak and relate to others, and the role that money plays in how you live your life. Allow James to encourage you to do good, according to the faith you proclaim. ([Insight for Living](#))

DOUGLAS MOO - [James, Theology of - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary](#)

The Letter of James is a practical exhortation, assuming more theology than it teaches. Some claim that the letter has no theology. The validity of this assertion depends on what is meant by "theology." On the one hand, James has little to say about most Christian doctrines, nor does he consistently relate his exhortations to the person of Christ. In fact he mentions Jesus Christ only twice (1:1; 2:2), and only once as the object of belief (2:1). If, then, by theology we mean a system of belief that consistently refers to the person and work of Christ as a major focal point, then the Letter of James does indeed lack a theology.

This is, however, too narrow a definition of "theology." Understood as the set of beliefs that are explicitly stated and implicitly assumed as the basis for its exhortations, theology is very much present in the letter. James,

after all, is writing to Christians who already know the basics of the Christian faith; his purpose is to bring their conduct in line with those beliefs. Moreover, we must not overlook the specific theological teaching that is found in James. His letter makes an important contribution to our understanding of issues such as the relationship of faith and works, prayer, the nature of God, and materialism. All these are set in a practical context, but it will be a sad day for the church when such "practical divinity" is not considered theology.

Therefore, while the occasional and homiletical nature of the letter prevents us from sketching a theology of James, we can survey his contribution to several important areas of theology. (Click for full article - [Baker's Evangelical Dictionary](#))

H A Ironside notes a comparison of James' epistle with the gospel by Matthew

- James vs. Matthew
 - James 1:2 - Matthew 5:10-12
 - James 1:4 - Matthew 5:48
 - James 1:5 - Matthew 7:7
 - James 1:6 - Matthew 21:21
 - James 1:9 - Matthew 5:3
 - James 1:20 - Matthew 5:22
 - James 1:22 - Matthew 7:21; Matthew 7:24
 - James 2:8 - Matthew 22:39
 - James 2:10 - Matthew 5:19
 - James 2:13; James 5:7 - Matthew 6:14-15
 - James 2:14 - Matthew 7:21-23
 - James 3:17 - Matthew 18:5; Matthew 18:9
 - James 4:4 - Matthew 6:24
 - James 4:10 - Matthew 5:5
 - James 4:11 - Matthew 7:1-5
 - James 5:2-3 - Matthew 6:19
 - James 5:8 - Matthew 24:33
 - James 5:10 - Matthew 5:12
 - James 5:12 - Matthew 5:33-37
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OVERVIEWS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- [James: The Activity of Faith](#) - Ray Stedman - "The Bible without the Spirit leads to a dead, institutional Christianity. The Spirit without the Bible leads to groundless fanaticism. We need both the Spirit and the Word to effectively Adventure through the Bible."
 - [James Introduction](#) - John MacArthur
 - [James](#) - Charles Swindoll
 - [Synthetic Bible Studies - James](#) - James Gray
 - [Introduction and Notes on the Book of James](#) - J Vernon McGee - includes brief verse by verse comments
 - [Key to James](#) - William Orr
 - [Introduction to James](#) - Myer Pearlman
 - [James Introduction](#) - Every Day Faith - Wil Pounds
 - [James Introduction](#) - NIV Study Bible
 - [Analysis of James](#) - James Van Dine
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DICTIONARY ARTICLES:

- American Tract Society [James, the Epistle of James](#)
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [James, Letter of James the Brother of Jesus James the Apostle](#)
- Baker's Evangelical Dictionary [James, Theology of](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [James, Epistle of James](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [James, the General Epistle of James](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary [James, the Letter James](#)

- Hitchcock Bible Names [James](#)
- Hastings' Bible Dictionary [James, Epistle of James](#)
- Hastings' NT Dictionary [James, the Lord's Brother James Epistle of](#)
- Smith Bible Dictionary [James The Less James The General Epistle of James](#)
- Whyte's Bible Characters [James the Lord's Brother](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [James James, Epistle of](#)

JAMES THE BROTHER OF JESUS

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Verse by Verse
Bruce Hurt, MD**

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COMMENTARIES THAT CAN BE BORROWED FROM ARCHIVE.ORG

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[Be mature](#) (James) by Wiersbe, Warren Or [Be mature : growing up in Christ](#) See also [Maturity](#) (adapted from James commentary)

[The Bible Exposition Commentary](#) or [Bible Exposition Commentary](#) - Ephesians through Revelation - Warren Wiersbe

Rosscup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

Cyril Barber - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a

chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[Truth for Life : a devotional commentary on the Epistle of James](#) by Blanchard, John

[Not hearers only : Bible studies in the Epistle of James](#) by Blanchard, John

[The Interpretation of the Epistle to the Hebrews and the Epistle of James.](#) by R. C. H. Lenski.

[The theology of the letters of James, Peter, and Jude](#) - Ralph Martin

[The practical Epistle of James: studies in applied Christianity](#) by Gaebelein, Frank E

[The measure of a Christian : studies in James 1](#) by Getz, Gene

Cyril Barber - A clear, well-outlined study of James 1, with pertinent application of the truth to the life of the believer. The format lends itself to adult discussion groups. Recommended

[Believing God when you are tempted to doubt : the measure of a Christian based on James 1](#) by Getz, Gene A

[James : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[Life application Bible commentary](#) - James

[James](#) : Davids, Peter H

Cyril Barber - New International Greek Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1982. A scholarly work giving evidence of extensive research. The exegesis is sound. Davids establishes his conclusions on viable principles of interpretation. A rewarding volume

[James : living your faith](#) by Kroll, Woodrow Michael (80 page study guide from Back to the Bible)

[The theology of the letters of James, Peter, and Jude](#) by Chester, Andrew, Martin, Ralph

[James](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Expositor's Bible Commentary : abridged edition](#) - Matthew - Revelation - James by Donald Burdick

[James](#) - J Vernon McGee

[James : faith that works](#) : Hughes, R. Kent,

Cyril Barber - A clear exposition of the first NT canonical book. Ably explains the tension between faith and works. Ideal for the lay Bible student.

[Studies in the Epistle of James](#) : Robertson, A. T.

[The Communicator's Commentary. James, 1, 2 Peter, Jude](#) by Cedar, Paul A., 1938- (Now entitled Preacher's Commentary)

[PREACHER'S OUTLINE AND SERMON BIBLE \(POSB\) - James Commentary](#)

[1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James](#) by Morris, Leon,

[The Epistle of James](#) : Adamson, James B

Cyril Barber - New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1976. This careful treatment combines accuracy in exegesis with a concise exposition of the text. Adamson also seeks to emphasize the cohesion of James's thought, something that other writers have seldom attempted. Recommended.

C. F. D. Moule. "It is difficult to imagine a more comprehensive study of the Epistle of James. Readers cannot but be amazed by its thoroughness, minute attention to detail, and wealth of parallels from literature ancient and modern."

[The General Epistle of James : an Introduction and Commentary](#) by Tasker, R. V. G. (1983) 148 pages.

[James](#) - STUDY GUIDE FOR JAMES by Coleman, Lyman; Peace, Richard

[James : Bible study commentary](#) by Vaughan, Curtis

[James and Jude](#) by Painter, John - Paideia Commentaries on the NT

[The letter of James](#) by Moo, Douglas J - Pillar NT Commentary Series

Tim Challies - Douglas Moo – *The Letter of James (Pillar New Testament Commentary)*. Moo's commentary is widely regarded as the best treatment of James and is universally recommended by the commentators on the commentaries. You may recognize his name from the recommendations for Romans where his name also appears. Keith Mathison says it well: "If you can only have one commentary on James, this is the one to have. Highly recommended." Do note that Moo has also written a volume for the Tyndale New Testament Commentary series; if you own this one (which you should) you will have no need for the other.

Cyril Barber - This highly original commentary seeks to make the letter of James clear and applicable to Christians living today. While interacting with the latest views of this portion of God's Word, Moo avoids giving it an academic flavor. He ably bridges the gap between James' 1st century readers and believers today. Insightful.

Keith Mathison (Ligonier) - Number 1 rated = Douglas Moo — *The Letter of James (Pillar New Testament Commentary, 2000)*. Douglas Moo is one of the top conservative New Testament scholars alive today. He has written one of the best commentaries on Romans, and now one of the best commentaries on James. If you can only have one commentary on James, this is the one to have. Highly recommended. Moo has also contributed the volume on James in the Tyndale New Testament Commentary series, but if you have the Pillar volume, the Tyndale volume is unnecessary.

James Rosscup - Moo, Douglas J. *The Letter of James (Pillar NTC)*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000. Moo in this exegetical study is longer (271 pp.) than his earlier effort in this list. He argues for authorship by James, the Lord's brother (20–22), discusses seven areas of theology (27–43), and argues that in James faith of those God has freely justified expresses its reality in obeying God (38, etc.), as Paul held in "faith working through love" ([Gal. 5:6](#)). Clear exposition is thought out well, and sometimes Moo grapples with views and problems (not all, cf. "crown," 1:12, and Hodges). In 2:14 he distinctly counters Hodges (123–24), and again at 2:18, 26 (128–29, 143). His detail on 2:14–26 is fairly helpful; he also is diligent with "spirit" in 4:5, and "sick" in 5:14. Among medium-length works, this is one of the best in recent years.

[The letter of James : an introduction and commentary](#) by Moo, Douglas J - Tyndale New Testament Commentary

James Rosscup - Moo, Douglas J. *The Letter of James: An Introduction and Commentary (Tyndale New Testament Commentary)*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1985. 191 pp. Eerdmans published the same commentary in 1989. It is a concise, conservative, clear work adept in exegetical details from careful research by a member of the New Testament faculty at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. It is helpful especially for teachers and preachers. Moo, who did the massive 2-volume work on Romans, also wrote "James" in *The Evangelical Commentary on the Bible*, ed. W. A. Elwell (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1989).

STUDY BIBLES, ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. **No restrictions** Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective (pre-millennial) [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

[NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H. Wayne. **No restrictions** [917 ratings](#) Very helpful notes. Conservative. See [James](#) - for easiest copy/paste select theater view.

[The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison -

Editor of New Testament. **No restrictions** Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) (OT & NT) but must be borrowed - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). [214 ratings](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[The Word in life Study Bible](#) - Very interesting format. Not your routine study Bible. Worth checking the very informative notes. (e.g., [here is a picture of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.](#))

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#)- Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes [1,275 ratings](#)

[HCSB Study Bible](#)

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[Life application study Bible](#) : New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. [4,445 ratings](#)

[Life application Bible commentary](#) - James

[DICTIONARY OF JESUS AND THE GOSPELS](#) - interesting articles in some depth

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#)Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The NIV study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews.](#)

[Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Key word commentary : thoughts on every chapter of the Bible](#) by Water, Mark

[Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use).

([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary](#) - New Testament - 552 pages. (2002) [See user reviews.](#)

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The parallel New Testament and Unger's Bible handbook : produced for Moody monthly](#) by Unger, Merrill (1975) 744 pages [4 ratings](#)

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William [3 ratings](#)

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary](#) - Matthew, Mark, Luke

[Background Commentary on Luke](#) - Clinton Arnold

[Dictionary of the later New Testament & its developments](#) [71 ratings](#) IVP Series

The third of IVP's critically acclaimed series of dictionaries of the New Testament provides focused study on the often-neglected portions of the New Testament: Acts, Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation. Furthermore, its scope goes beyond the life of the New Testament church to include the work of the apostolic fathers and early Christianity up through the middle of the second century.

[Dictionary of New Testament background](#) [79 ratings](#) IVP Series

In a time when our knowledge of the ancient Mediterranean world has grown by leaps and bounds, this volume sets out for readers the wealth of Jewish and Greco-Roman background that should inform our reading and understanding of the New Testament and early Christianity. The Dictionary of New Testament Background takes full advantage of the flourishing study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and offers individual articles

focused on the most important scrolls. In addition, the Dictionary encompasses the fullness of second-temple Jewish writings, whether pseudepigraphic, rabbinic, parables, proverbs, histories or inscriptions. Articles abound on aspects of Jewish life and thought, including family, purity, liturgy and messianism. The full scope of Greco-Roman culture is displayed in articles ranging across language and rhetoric, literacy and book culture, religion and cults, honor and shame, patronage and benefactors, travel and trade, intellectual movements and ideas, and ancient geographical perspectives. No other reference work presents so much in one place for students of the New Testament. Here an entire library of scholarship is made available in summary form.

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

WORD STUDY RESOURCES GREEK AND HEBREW

NOTE - All of these resources can be borrowed from archive.org. This list also includes resources to help study the Bible.

See also the [list of Word Study Resources](#)

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One of the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.

[Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.

[Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions. Gingrich however gives more Scriptures for each nuance, whereas Friberg generally gives only one representative Scripture.

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - This book is a gold mine of little gems on individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it in my [Greek word studies](#) all the time.

[The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#) (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - all three volumes (total 3351 pages) are available and allow copy and paste and all 3 of the volumes below are available at the [same link](#). [See this page for a few instructions on how to most efficiently utilize this incredible resource.](#)

1. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - A-F
2. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - G-P
3. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - Pri-Z

[New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay - [59 ratings](#) very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style. On page 289 there is a helpful index of English words with the corresponding Greek word, in turn followed by the places Barclay described them in [New Testament Words](#) and in his Daily Study Bible series ([see list of DSB commentaries here](#)). E.g., take the Greek word for "Covetousness" which is pleonexia and is found in [New Testament Words](#) on page 61 and pp 233-235 and is also described in the Daily Study Bible entries for : [Mark 7:14-23](#); [Ro 1:28-32](#); [Eph. 4:17-24](#); [Col. 3:5](#). So you can click the [DSB commentary on Mark 7](#) and scroll down to [Mark 7:14](#) to see Barclay's entry for pleonexia which concludes "Pleonexia (G4124) is that lust for having which is in the heart of the man who sees happiness in things instead of in God." Interesting!

[Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida. Brief but nice definitions. Not easy to use - you need to know some Greek. Classifies Greek words into 93 "semantic domains" (see list on page XXV) and if you can categorize the word you are looking for in one of the domains, it can help find the specific word you are interested in.

Robert Yost - "This lexicon takes a novel approach by outlining NT words into their semantic domains, such as People, Danger, Help, Value, Time, etc. The reader then has quick access to the synonyms of the NT, an important tool in defining words. Knowledge of Greek is necessary, but with concentrated effort, an English

reader can learn to use this important resource" (Stout).

[Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) (TDNT) - Classic ("Little Kittel") work summarizing the 10 volume set by Kittel. For most of us the abridged definition is "more than enough!"

[A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature](#); by Bauer, W., F. Danker, W. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg much easier to use.

Robert Yost - This essential resource is the standard lexicon for students and scholars of the Greek NT. It is a translation and adaptation of Walter Bauer's Griechisch-Deutsches Wörterbuch zu den Schriften des Neuen Testaments und der übrigen urchristlichen Literatur by Arndt and Gingrich and then updated by Danker. This meticulous work has superseded all previous English lexicons.

[Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George. The abridged version. You need to know Greek to use.

[Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 1 - A thru E); [Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 3- P thru ...) Volume 2 not available. I do not find this adds much to the easier to use resources like Zodhiates and Friberg.

[A pocket lexicon to the Greek New Testament](#) by Souter, Alexander. Brief definitions. Need to know some Greek. Not that helpful.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[Theological wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - [229 ratings](#) (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for laymen.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Hebrew honey : a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in [Ezek 11:19](#). In the Scripture list find an entry for [Ezek 11:19](#) with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Zondervan NASB exhaustive concordance](#) - 1589 pages

[Pocket dictionary for the study of New Testament Greek](#) by DeMoss, Matthew S. If you want to dig a little deeper into Greek. [66 ratings](#)

[Analytical concordance to the Holy Bible](#) : containing about 311,000 references, subdivided under the Hebrew and Greek original with the literal meaning and pronunciation of each by Young, Robert,

[The Englishman's Greek concordance of the New Testament](#) by Wigram, George

[Synonyms of the New Testament](#) by Trench, Richard Chenevix - or [click here for list of 108 entries](#)

[Girdlestone's Synonyms of the Old Testament](#) - [click](#) for list of 127 entries

[The Holman guide to interpreting the Bible](#) by Dockery, David S

[Foundations for biblical interpretation : a complete library of tools and resources](#)

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, [33 ratings](#) It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[Basic Bible Interpretation : a Practical Guide to Discovering Biblical Truth](#) by Roy Zuck. Recommended.

[How to Study Your Bible](#) by Arthur, Kay ([CLICK HERE](#) for many other resources from Kay Arthur). The basics of inductive Bible study succinctly described. Recommended. This is the original edition not the new edition.

[Living by the Book](#) by Howard G. Hendricks - A classic. An entertaining and informative read that is guaranteed to invigorate your Bible study. Recommended.

[Teaching to Change Lives](#) by Howard Hendricks, Howard [561 ratings](#)

[The Christian Educator's Handbook on Teaching](#) by Kenneth Gangel and Howard Hendricks [21 ratings](#)

[How can I understand the Bible?](#) by DeHaan, Mart (52 page booklet)

[The New How to Study Your Bible Workbook](#) (2010) by Arthur, Kay, - Note that this workbook is the companion to the [New How to Study Your Bible](#) book (not the same as the one linked above).

[Jensen's Survey of Bible \(online\)](#) by Jensen, Irving [140 ratings](#) (NT) [133 ratings](#) (OT) This is a classic and in conjunction with the following three resources should give you an excellent background to the Bible book you are studying. Jensen has some of the best Book charts available and includes "key words." He also gives you some guidelines as to how to begin your inductive study of each book.

[Discover the Bible for Yourself](#) by Arthur, Kay [93 ratings](#) - Proven methods to read, mark, and study God's Word. Introductions to set the stage for each book of the Bible. Maps and charts to add historic and geographic dimension. Word studies for NASB and NIV translations. Definitions and explanations to simplify interpretation. "Things to Think About" for personal application. This resource will inspire and guide anyone interested in creating a personal study of God's Word.

[What the Bible is all about](#) by Mears, Henrietta. This is a classic and is filled with "pearls" from this godly teacher of God's Word.

[Talk thru the bible](#) by Wilkinson, Bruce [The Wilkinson & Boa Bible handbook : the ultimate guide to help you get more out of the Bible](#)

[How to profit from Bible reading](#) by Jensen, Irving [2 ratings](#)

[Simply understanding the Bible](#) by Jensen, Irving [8 ratings](#)

[Enjoy your Bible](#) by Jensen, Irving [5 ratings](#)

[Independent Bible study](#) by Jensen, Irving [14 ratings](#)

[MacArthur Study Bible - Topic "How to Study the Bible"](#) - John MacArthur

[MacArthur's Introductions to all 66 Books](#) - includes a helpful discussion of "Interpretative Challenges"

[Swindoll's introductions to all 66 Books](#) - Answers the following questions - Who wrote the book? Where are we? Why is this book so important? What's the big idea? How do I apply this? He also includes a helpful Book Overview chart (right upper corner of page).

[How to Get the Most from God's Word](#) by John MacArthur [16 ratings](#)

[Journey of the Bible : the remarkable story of how the Bible came from God to you](#) by Jensen, Irving

DANNY AKIN SERMONS JAMES

- [Principles of Biblical Leadership from the Book of James – James](#)
- [An Introduction to James – James](#)
- [Five Marks of a Mature Christian – James](#)
- [Profile of James](#)
- [Leadership Principles From James – James](#)
- [The Person God Uses: Leadership Principles from the Book of James – James](#)
- [It's Time to Wise Up – James 1:1-11](#)
- [James – James 1:1](#)
- [How to Triumph Over Temptation – James 1:12-18](#)
- [How to Live A Balanced Life – James 1:19-27](#)
- [The Perversion of Being Prejudiced – James 2:1-13](#)
- [Seeing Others With the Eyes of Jesus \(Fall Convocation 2006\) – James 2:1-13](#)
- [Faith and Works: The Two Go Together – James 2:14-26](#)

- [The Power of the Tongue – James 3:1-12](#)
- [Looking at Life From God's Perspective – James 3:13-18](#)
- [A Friendship God Hates – James 4:1-10](#)
- [The Danger of Playing God – James 4:13-18](#)
- [Money, Money, Money: What Does God Say? – James 5:1-6](#)
- [How Do You Learn Patience? – James 5:7-12](#)
- [How to Pray – James 5:13-20](#)
- [Ministering to the Sick – James 5:14-16](#)

James: — Precept Ministries International — Inductive Bible Study

15 lessons - Lesson 1 can be downloaded as Pdf

(Click [link](#))

- [The Endurance of Job](#)
- [A Faith That Shows](#)
- [Why Trials? How to Handle Them](#)
- ["The Flesh Connection" in Trials](#)
- [Where Do Temptations Come From?](#)
- [Yield to Temptation...What Next?](#)
- [Flee from Anger, Wickedness, Hypocrisy, Partiality](#)
- [Is Your Christianity Worthless or Real?](#)
- [What are the Works of Faith?](#)
- [Oh, That Tongue!](#)
- [The Tongue is Controlled by the Heart](#)
- [Miserable? Check Your Heart](#)
- [Far From God? In Conflict with Man?](#)
- [Life's Not Fair! Be Patient, the LORD is Coming](#)
- [Does the Prayer of Faith Always Work?](#)

HENRY ALFORD

James Commentary

The New Testament for English Readers

[Read his fascinating brief biography - Henry Alford](#) and [Phil Johnson's related comments](#)

James Rosscup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament...though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#)).

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (see his comments in following entry on Alford).

Editorial Note: If you are not proficient in Greek, you will find this work considerably more useful than the following work by Alford, because in this volume he translates the Greek and Latin into English. While the "The Greek New Testament" is longer (e.g., English version of 1John = **66** pages compared to Greek version = **94** pages in part because the latter includes comments of more technical nature), the substance of the commentary is otherwise similar to that found in the "NT for English Readers".

- [Introduction to James](#)
- [James 1](#)
- [James 2](#)
- [James 3](#)
- [James 4](#)
- [James 5](#)

HENRY ALFORD
James Commentary
The Greek Testament

James Rosscup writes that "This was the great work in the life of the versatile Dean of Canterbury. An outcome of this production was the New Testament for English Readers (4 vols.). Alford was a Calvinist, conservative and premillennial, though not dispensational. He takes a literal interpretation of the thousand years in Rev. 20 and has a famous quote there, is strong on sovereign election as in Ro 8:29, 30 and 1Pe 1:2, but, unfortunately, holds to baptismal regeneration in such texts as Titus 3:5 and John 3:5. He shows a great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Piper writes ""When I'm stumped with a...grammatical or syntactical or logical [question] in Paul, I go to Henry Alford. Henry Alford...comes closer more consistently than any other human commentator to asking my kinds of questions."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes that this text "is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is quite able to express himself vigorously against his opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition. What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to Alford's New Testament for English Readers,* which is also a standard work." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries: Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

- [Introduction](#)
- [James 1](#)
- [James 2](#)
- [James 3](#)
- [James 4](#)
- [James 5](#)

GREG ALLEN
Sermons and Studies
The Book of James

Bethany Bible Church

- [James 1:6-8 Asking for Wisdom without any Doubting](#)
- [James 1:13-15 How Trials Turn into Temptations](#)
- [James 1:12 A Blessing to Cling to in Times of Testing](#)
- [James 1:16-18 In Bad Times, God is Good!](#)
- [James 1:19-21 Receiving God's Word](#)
- [James 1:21-25 Doers of the Word](#)
- [James 1:22-25 Blessed are the Doers](#)
- [James 1:26 Our Religion and Our Tongue](#)
- [James 1:27 Pure Religion](#)
- [James 2:1-7 Holding the Faith Without Partiality](#)
- [James 2:8-13 Practicing Merciful Judgment](#)
- [James 2:14-26 The Fruit of Faith](#)
- [James 3:1 A Stricter Judgment](#)
- [James 3:2-8 The Terrible Potential of the Tongue](#)
- [James 3:9-12 Impure Dispensers](#)
- [James 3:13-18 Wisdom from Above](#)
- [James 4:1-3 The Cause of Conflicts](#)

- [James 4:4-5 Friendship with the World](#)
- [James 4:6 Humbling Down](#)
- [James 4:7-10 What Goes Up Must First Come Down](#)
- [James 4:11-12 Speak No Evil](#)
- [James 4:13-17 Submitting Our Plans to God's Plan](#)
- [James 5:1-6 The Howling of The Oppressor](#)
- [James 5:7-8 The Hope that Makes Us Strong](#)
- [James 5:9 Grumbling in the Doorway](#)
- [James 5:10-11 God's Good Outcome](#)
- [James 5:12 Do Not Swear](#)
- [James 5:13-16 The Practice of God's Presence](#)
- [James 5:14-18 Pray!](#)
- [James 5:19-20 Rescuing One Another](#)

DON ANDERSON STUDY OF JAMES

- [Study Guide on James](#) - 27 pages
- [James Chart Scans \(studies 1-12\)](#)
- Cyril Barber on Anderson's book on James - James: Running Uphill into the Wind - A contemporary exposition that neither shirks the demands of sound scholarship nor becomes bogged down in technical details. Instead, Anderson applies the text in such a way as to lead the believer into a deeper understanding of the relationship between faith and works. Recommended.

AUDIO - [Click here for the audios of the 12 lessons on James](#) listed below averaging about 41 minutes each...

- 1 James 1:1-12 – Study 1 41:15
- 2 James 1:13-18 – Study 2 39:38
- 3 James 1:19-27 – Study 3 40:48
- 4 James 2:1-13 – Study 4 40:18
- 5 James 2:14-26 – Study 5 43:53
- 6 James 3:1-12 – Study 6 37:15
- 7 James 3:13-18 – Study 7 40:40
- 8 James 4:1-12 – Study 8 43:11
- 9 James 4:13-17 – Study 9 33:44
- 10 James 5:1-6 – Study 10 40:14
- 11 James 5:7-12 – Study 11 39:48
- 12 James 5:13-20 – Study 12 41:40

Teacher Notes on James

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- [James 1:13-18 – Study #2](#)
- [James 1:19-27 – Study #3](#)
- [James 2:1-13 – Study #4](#)
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- [James 5:1-6 – Study 10](#)
- [James 5:7-12 – Study 11](#)
- [James 5:13-20 – Study 12](#)

More Notes on Each of the Preceding Studies

- [James Introduction](#)
- [James 1:1-12 – Study 1](#)
- [James 1:13-18 – Study 2](#)
- [James 1:19-27 – Study 3](#)
- [James 2:1-13 – Study 4](#)
- [James 2:14-26 – Study 5](#)
- [James 3:1-12 – Study 6](#)
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- [James 4:1-12 – Study 8](#)
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- [James 5:13-20 – Study 12](#)

PAUL APPLE
A Devotional Commentary
Epistle of James

Good quotes and illustrations - See example of an outline below

[James - A Devotional Commentary — Nine Tests of Genuine Faith - 93 page Pdf](#)

I. Character of Faith

- A. (James 1:1-12) Persevering under Trials >>> Will
- B. (James 1:13-18) Progress of Temptation
- C. (James 1:19-27) Planting the Word >>> Word
- D. (James 2:1-13) Personal Favoritism >>> Works
- E. (James 2:14-26) Performance of Faith

II. Control of Faith

- A. (James 3:1-12) Power of the Tongue >>> Words
- B. (James 3:13-18) Portrait of Pure Wisdom >>> Wisdom

III. Conflicts of Faith

- A. (James 4:1-12) Perversity of Pleasures >>> Worldliness
- B. (James 4:13-5:6) Pride of the Rich >>> Wealth

IV. Consummation of Faith

- A. (James 5:7-12) Patient Endurance >>> Wait
- B. (James 5:13-20) Prayer and Restoration >>> Wholeness

Here are several examples of quotes you will find throughout Apple's outline commentary-

- **Allen:** "Problems Purify my Faith... James uses the word 'testing' - as in testing gold and silver. You would heat them up very hot until the impurities were burned off. Job said, 'But God knows the way that I take, and when he has tested me, I will come out like gold.' Job 23:10 (NCV) God is not interested in watching our faith get torpedoed. God desires that our faith would be 'approved.' A student who is accepted by the admissions office of a college can say, 'I am a student.' But until that person takes tests and exams, no one can actually affirm that he is worthy of the name 'student.' They only way to determine the validity of a student's work is to see the performance on exams. Christians are a lot like tea bags. You don't know what's inside of them until you drop them in hot water. Your faith develops when things don't go as planned. It purifies your faith."...Today, there are numerous ideas being tossed around regarding trials and hardships. Some believe they're a form of punishment from God. Others dangle before us the promise that if we can just reach a certain level of maturity, trials will disappear and we'll live happily ever after. Life will be one big Disneyland. And still others are out there trying to convince us

that there's really not such thing as adversity. Trials such as death, pain, sickness, emotional hurt, are a figment of our imagination.

- **Chromy:** "The double-minded man has reservations about being completely yielded to God. You are double-minded when you want your own will and God's will at the same time. God wants you to trust him completely and allow him to take care of you throughout difficulties."
- **Barclay:** "If life is so uncertain, if man is so vulnerable, if the externals of life are so perishable, then calamity and disaster may come at any moment. Since that is so, a man is a fool to put all his trust in things --like wealth--which he may lose at any moment. He is only wise if he puts his trust in things which he cannot lose. So then, James urges the rich to cease to put their trust in that which their own power can amass. He urges them to realize and to admit their own essential human helplessness, and humbly to put their trust in God, who alone can give us the things which abide for ever. He is pleading with men to glory in that new humility which realizes its utter dependence on God."
- **Wiersbe:** "Our values determine our evaluations. If we value comfort more than character, then trials will upset us. If we value the material and physical more than the spiritual, we will not be able to 'count it all joy!' If we live only for the present and forget about the future, the trials will make us bitter, not better."
- **Mooney:** "Learn to Grow Through Adversity ...When faced with adversity we will also discover some things about ourselves. We will discover what our view of God really is. We will discover what our weaknesses and our strengths are. We will discover how mature we are. We will discover what our priorities really are. God's command or my comfort."
- **Luck:** "Patience is usually thought of as calm resignation to God's will in face of the inevitable. But Christian patience, as spoken of in the New Testament, is more than this. It is true that calm submission is a part of it, but this is only the negative side. On the positive side there is a steady and determined perseverance, in spite of difficulties, toward the right--toward the goal of God's will for our lives."
- **Racer:** (James 1:1-4) The Power of Pressures to Perfect Us Introduction: Plumbing Illustration – when you attempt to fix a plumbing problem, the real test comes when you turn the water back on and put pressure on the system ... then you find out whether the system can hold up. Trials pinpoint the weaknesses in our system that still need to be addressed. Life might appear all well and good until God sends just enough pressure so that we can't handle things on our own; then we blow a gasket and need to turn to Him for help. Opportunity in this passage to examine how we respond to pressure – different options: being built up, blown up by the pressure, or blowing up at the pressure
- **Wiersbe:** "No temptation appears as temptation; it always seems more alluring than it really is. James used two illustrations from the world of sports to prove his point. **Drawn away** carries with it the idea of the baiting of a trap; and **enticed** in the original Greek means 'to bait a hook.' The hunter and the fisherman have to use bait to attract and catch their prey. No animal is deliberately going to step into a trap and no fish will knowingly bite at a naked hook. The idea is to hide the trap and the hook."...Re "lusts" -- "Some people try to become 'spiritual' by denying these normal desires, or by seeking to suppress them; but this only makes them less than human. These fundamental desires of life are the steam in the boiler that makes the machinery go. Turn off the steam and you have no power. Let the steam go its own way and you have destruction. The secret is in constant control. These desires must be our servants and not our masters and this we can do through Jesus Christ."
- **Vaughan:** "The suggestion is that man's lust, like a harlot, entices and seduces him. Man surrenders his will to lust, conception takes place, and lust gives birth to sin."
- **Ross:** "The mere fact of our being tempted does not involve in itself anything sinful. It is when the desire of man goes out to meet and embrace the forbidden thing and an unholy marriage takes place between these two, that sin is born. Once sin is born, it grows, and, unless it be counteracted and mastered by the grace of God, when it is fullgrown, it brings forth death, death in all the breadth of the meaning of that dread word, death spiritual and death eternal, the death that lies beyond physical death for the ungodly. Thus, we have here the two destinies of man, in James 1:12 the fullness of life that is to be the portion of those who love God and the death that is to be the inevitable doom of the persistent haters of God."
- **Zodhiates:** "The heavenly bodies change, they move about in space, and their benevolence to us varies, but not so with the One who is light, who is space, who is time, who is the Creator of them all, and no one can cast a shadow on Him... There is no night so dark that His light cannot shine upon you. 'I am the Lord, I change not' (Mal. 3:6). 'God is light, and in him is no darkness at all' (I John 1:5)."..."In the Old Testament the first fruits, therefore, were the peculiar possession of God. Among His entire creation we are peculiarly His possession, for we were not only created by Him, but also re-created. A little boy who had lost his toy boat found it for sale in a store, and when he bought it, he took it in his hands and hugged it, saying 'My little precious boat, you are now twice mine; once I made you and once I bought you.'"
- **Wiersbe:** "One of the enemy's tricks is to convince us that our Father is holding out on us, that He does not really love us and care for us. When Satan approached Eve, he suggested that if God really loved her, He would permit her to eat of the forbidden tree. When Satan tempted Jesus, he raised the question of hunger. 'If your Father loves You, why are You hungry?' The goodness of God is a great barrier against yielding to temptation. Since God is good, we do not need any other person (including Satan) to meet our needs. It is better to be hungry in the will of God than full outside the will of God. Once we start to doubt God's goodness, we will be attracted to Satan's offers; and the natural desires within will reach out for his bait."

- **Apple** - God gave you two ears and only one mouth so that you would listen twice as much as you talk. Some people just babble on; hard to get a word in; they are thinking only of their response instead of listening. (Zeno quoted by Barclay)
- **Zodhiates**: "Once a young man came to that great philosopher Socrates to be instructed in oratory. The moment the young man was introduced, he began to talk, and there was an incessant stream for some time. When Socrates could get in a word, he said, 'Young man, I will have to charge you a double fee.' 'A double fee, why is that?' The old sage replied, 'I will have to teach you two sciences. First, how to hold your tongue, and then, how to use it.' What an art for all of us to learn, especially for Christians."
- **Barclay**: "The tribute was once paid to a great linguist that he could be silent in seven different languages. Many of us would do well to wait and listen more, and to rush in and speak less."
- **Zodhiates**: "Sin in our lives is like having wax in our ears; it prevents the Word of truth from reaching our hearts; for if it cannot penetrate through the ear, it will not come down to the heart."
- **Barclay**: "The teachable spirit is docile and tractable, and therefore humble enough to learn. The teachable spirit is without resentment and without anger, and is, therefore, able to face the truth, even when the truth hurts and condemns. The teachable spirit is not blinded by its own overmastering prejudices, but is clear-eyed to the truth. The teachable spirit is not seduced by laziness, but is so self-controlled that it can willingly and faithfully accept the discipline of learning. Prautes describes the perfect conquest and control of everything in a man's nature which would be a hindrance to his seeing, learning and obeying the truth."
- **Wiersbe**: "It is not enough to hear the Word; we must do it. Many people have the mistaken idea that hearing a good sermon or Bible study is what makes them grow and get God's blessing. It is not the hearing but the doing that brings the blessing. Too many Christian mark their Bibles, but their Bibles never mark them! If you think you are spiritual because you hear the Word, then you are only kidding yourself."
- **Tasker**: "It is not therefore something imposed upon the believer from without in the form of a code of external rules and regulations. It is not for him a dead letter but a living power. It would seem to be called the law of liberty partly because it enables men to find their true freedom in the service of God's will, and partly because the believer accepts it without any compulsion. The Christian loves God's commandments and is eager to obey them."
- **Wiersbe**: "The emphasis in this section is on the dangers of self-deception: 'deceiving your own selves' (James 1:22); 'deceiveth his own heart' (James 1:26)... Many people are deceiving themselves into thinking they are saved when they are not... But there are true believers who are fooling themselves concerning their Christian walk. they think they are spiritual when they are not... Spiritual reality results from the proper relationship to God through His Word. God's Word is truth (John 17:17), and if we are rightly related to God's truth, we cannot be dishonest or hypocritical.
- (For more quotes see [James - A Devotional Commentary](#))

WILLIAM BARCLAY James Commentary

Hiebert - Barclay holds that our book of James is the substance of a sermon preached by James, the Lord's brother, taken down by someone else and translated into Greek with a few additions. Barclay's own translation is printed at the beginning of each of the paragraphs into which the epistle is divided. Most valuable for its word studies and background material.

[See Critique of Barclay who is not always fully orthodox](#)

- [James 1 Commentary](#)
- [James 2 Commentary](#)
- [James 3 Commentary](#)
- [James 4 Commentary](#)
- [James 5 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES Notes on the New Testament James

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial...Often the

explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil....Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

John Cereghin - Valuable commentary that had a wide sale when first published by this Presbyterian pastor.

- [James 1 Commentary](#)
- [James 2 Commentary](#)
- [James 3 Commentary](#)
- [James 4 Commentary](#)
- [James 5 Commentary](#)

BRIAN BELL

Calvary Chapel, Murrieta

Sermon Notes on James

- James 1:1-11 [Trials: not 'if' but 'when'](#)
- James 1:12-27 [Real Religion](#)
- James 2:1-13 [So Speak & So Do](#)
- James 2:14-26 [Functioning Faith](#)
- James 3:1-12 [The 2 Ounce Beast](#)
- James 3:13-18 [Wisdom](#)
- James 4:1-10 [The Pollution & The Solution](#)
- James 4:11-17 [Games People Play](#)
- James 5:1-12 [Money money money money, MONEY](#)
- James 5:13-20 [Ol' Camel Knees](#)

Nice outline format with pithy sayings and practical application - here is a sample from [James 1:1 -11](#)

Intro: James is a very practical book that discusses "living the Faith"! It's the N.T.'s book of Proverbs; you'll hear bits of the Sermon on the Mount in it; & you'll see many O.T. word pictures & references. James refers to: Abraham, Isaac, Rahab, Job, & Elijah, & alludes to 21 O.T. books! It's main point – "True Faith is a Faith that Works!" If we truly practice our faith it will be seen in: How we face trials (ch.1); How we treat people (ch.2); What we say (ch.3); How we deal w/ sin in our lives (ch.4); How we Pray (ch.5). It deals w/the crucial relationship between faith & active works! It's balancing right belief w/ right behavior. How will we study this book? "See Christianity must not only be believed, it must be lived!" The type of Christianity that has "no experience of a changed life", is no Christianity at all! The proof of real faith is a changed life! Here is plenty of practical advice on Christian living! You could call it the "How-To" Book on Christian Living! (Christian Living for Dummies!) "The true seed of saving faith is verified by the tangible fruit of serving faith." Will you take the challenge this morning (& each Sunday morn) to be a "doer" of James words? We will not be the same at the end of this book if we prayerfully ask the Spirit to apply what we learn. E. J. Goodspeed called James, "just a handful of pearls, dropped one by one into the hearers mind."

CHRIS BENFIELD

SERMONS

JAMES

- [James, A Servant of Christ - James 1:1](#)

- [Understanding the Trials of Life - James 1:2-4](#)
- [The Path to Obtaining Wisdom - James 1:5-8](#)
- [Keeping Eternity in View - James 1:9-11](#)
- [Our Unrealized Blessings - James 1:12](#)
- [The Truth Concerning Temptation - James 1:13-16](#)
- [God's Glorious Gifts and Grace - James 1:17-18](#)
- [What Does the Mirror Reveal - James 1:19-25](#)
- [A Biblical Look at Religion - James 1:26-27](#)
- [Faithfulness without Partiality - James 2:1-9](#)
- [Overcoming Prejudice with Love - James 2:1-10](#)
- [Defined by Faith - James 2:10-13](#)
- [Faith Revealed by Works \(Part 1\) - James 2:14-26](#)
- [Faith Revealed by Works \(Part 2\) - James 2:14-26](#)
- [The Treachery of the Tongue \(Part 1\) - James 3:1-12](#)
- [The Treachery of the Tongue \(Part 2\) - James 3:1-12](#)
- [Godly Wisdom and Earthly Knowledge - James 3:13-18](#)
- [Our Struggles with the Flesh - James 4:1-6](#)
- [The Character of the Christian Soldier - James 4:7-10](#)
- [Overcoming the Struggles of the Flesh - James 4:7-10](#)
- [What is Your Life? - James 4:11-17](#)
- [The Peril of Riches - James 5:1-6](#)
- [Striving to Obtain Patience - James 5:7-12](#)
- [Prayers of Faith \(Part 1\) - James 5:13-18](#)
- [Prayers of Faith \(Part 2\) - James 5:13-18](#)
- [A Conclusion of Conviction - James 5:19-20](#)

JOHANN BENDEL
James Commentary
The Critical English Testament

Note: Represents Combination of Bengel's Gnomon and Comments by more modern expositors (in brackets) to make this more usable for those who do not read Greek.

Spurgeon comments on the goal to make **Bengel's Gnomon** (listed above) more accessible -- "Such is the professed aim of this commentary, and the compilers have very fairly carried out their intentions. The whole of **Bengel's Gnomon** is bodily transferred into the work, and as 120 years have elapsed since the first issue of that book, it may be supposed that much has since been added to the wealth of Scripture exposition; the substance of this has been incorporated in brackets, so as to bring it down to the present advanced state of knowledge. We strongly advise the purchase of this book, as it...will well repay an attentive perusal. Tischendorf and Alford have contributed largely...**to make this one of the most lucid and concise commentaries on the text and teachings of the New Testament**" ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

John Wesley said of Bengel "I know of no commentator on the Bible equal to Bengel" and referred to him as "The great light of the Christian world."

- [James 1](#)
- [James 2](#)
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- [James 5](#)

Gnomon of the New Testament

Note: If not proficient in Greek, see related Critical English Testament below.

James Rosscup writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the Greek, flavoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

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JOSEPH BENSON COMMENTARY JAMES

Spurgeon - Adopted by the Wesleyan Conference as a standard work, and characterized by that body as marked by "solid learning, soundness of theological opinion, and an edifying attention to experimental and practical religion. Necessary to Methodist Students.

- [James 1 Commentary](#)
- [James 2 Commentary](#)
- [James 3 Commentary](#)
- [James 4 Commentary](#)
- [James 5 Commentary](#)

BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES Resources that Reference James

- [James 1](#)
- [James 2](#)
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- [James 5](#)

WILLIAM BURKITT COMMENTARY JAMES

Spurgeon - We liked Burkitt better when we were younger. He is, however, a homely and spiritual writer, and his work is good reading for the many. Burkitt is somewhat pithy, and for a modern rather rich and racy, but he is far from deep, and is frequently common-place. I liked him well enough till I had read abler works and grown older. Some books grow upon us as we read and re-read them, but Burkitt does not. Yet so far from depreciating the good man, I should be sorry to have missed his acquaintance, and would bespeak for him your attentive perusal.

- [James 1 Commentary](#)
- [James 2 Commentary](#)
- [James 3 Commentary](#)
- [James 4 Commentary](#)
- [James 5 Commentary](#)

JOHN CALVIN COMMENTARY JAMES

Spurgeon on Calvin - Of priceless value....Calvin is a tree whose "leaf also shall not wither;" whatever he has written lives on, and is never out of date, because he expounded the word without bias or partiality.

- [James 1](#)
- [James 2](#)
- [James 3](#)
- [James 4](#)
- [James 5](#)

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES COMMENTARY JAMES

By [E H Plumptre](#)

D Edmond Hiebert - A valuable commentary on these epistles for the lay student by a conservative British scholar of the past century. Important introductions and concise notes on the text. ([An Introduction to the New Testament](#))

Logos - A concise book that is packed with practical application, the New Testament book of James is discussed in-depth by E. H. Plumptre. From the author of the epistle, to the date it was written, to the analysis of the book as a whole, Plumptre brings his readers a critical look at James. This engaging commentary expands on the doctrines found within this small epistle, and is infused with scriptural cross-references.

- [James 1 Commentary](#)
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- [James 4 Commentary](#)
- [James 5 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT COMMENTARY JAMES

- [James 1 Commentary](#)
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- [James 5 Commentary](#)

ADAM CLARKE COMMENTARY JAMES

Click critique of his theological persuasion.

James Rosscup - This old, conservative Wesleyan Methodist work is good devotionally and aggressive for righteous living. Laypeople can find it still valuable today. It is Arminian in viewpoint and thus helpful, for example, in showing the reader how this approach deals with texts involving the eternal security question. The work contains much background material from many sources on all books of the Bible.

Spurgeon - Adam Clarke is the great annotator of our Wesleyan friends; and they have no reason to be ashamed of him, for he takes rank among the chief of expositors. His mind was evidently fascinated by the singularities of learning, and hence his commentary is rather too much of an old curiosity shop, but it is filled with valuable rarities, such as none but a great man could have collected....If you have a copy of Adam Clarke, and exercise discretion in reading it, you will derive immense advantage from it, for frequently by a sort of side-light he brings out the meaning of the text in an astonishingly novel manner. I do not wonder that Adam Clarke still stands, notwithstanding his peculiarities, a prince among commentators. I do not find him so helpful as Gill, but still, from his side of the question, with which I have personally no sympathy, he is an important writer, and deserves to be studied by every reader of the Scriptures. He very judiciously says of Dr. Gill, "He was a very learned and good man, but has often lost sight of his better judgment in spiritualizing the text;" this is the very verdict which we pass upon himself, only altering the last sentence a word or two; "He has often lost sight of his better judgment in following learned singularities;" the monkey, instead of the serpent, tempting Eve, is a notable instance.

- [James 1 Commentary](#)
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- [James 4 Commentary](#)
- [James 5 Commentary](#)

STEVEN COLE

Sermons on James

Highly Recommended. These sermons are the same material found in Pastor Cole's book if you prefer [Kindle](#) or [Paperback format](#). Notice that his book has 8 customer reviews and all give it **Five Stars!** [Click to read some of the reviews](#). Great tool if you are leading a Bible study, are preaching through the book of James or simply studying it on your own.

- [James 1:1-4 A Radical Approach to Trials](#)

Excerpt - Many writers claim that there is no unifying theme to James, but that it is just a series of unrelated, random exhortations. But, as difficult as it may be to outline the book, I think that the contents may be arranged under this theme of true faith. James is giving a series of tests by which one may determine whether his faith is genuine or false (D. Edmond Hiebert makes this point, "[The Unifying Theme of the Epistle of James](#)," *Bibliotheca Sacra* [135:539, July-September, 1978], pp. 221-231). I offer this outline:

Introduction: Author and recipients (1:1).

1. True faith responds with practical godliness under testing (1:2-27).

- A. True faith responds with joy when it faces testing (1:2-4).
- B. True faith seeks God for wisdom in times of testing (1:5-8).
- C. True faith adopts God's eternal perspective in both poverty and riches (1:9-11).
- D. True faith perseveres under testing, not blaming God for temptations (1:12-18).
- E. True faith obeys God's word, even when provoked (1:19-27).

2. True faith shows itself in practical obedience (2:1-26).

- A. True faith does not show partiality (2:1-7).
- B. True faith practices biblical love (2:8-13).
- C. True faith proves itself by its works (2:14-26).

3. True faith controls the tongue and acts with gentle wisdom (3:1-18).

- A. True faith controls the tongue (3:1-12).
- B. True faith acts with gentle wisdom (3:13-18).

4. True faith resists arrogance by humbling oneself before God (4:1-5:18).

- A. True faith practices humility in relationships (4:1-12).
- B. True faith practices humility with regard to the future (4:13-17).
- C. True faith practices humility by waiting for God to judge the wicked who have wronged us (5:1-11).
- D. True faith practices humility by speaking the truth apart from self-serving oaths (5:12).
- E. True faith practices humility by depending upon God through prayer (5:13-18).

- [James 1:5-8 How to Obtain Wisdom from God](#)

Excerpt - Joni Eareckson Tada, as most of you know, was paralyzed from the neck down in a diving accident when she was 17. She wrote this about her suffering (*Joni* [Zondervan], p. 154):

God engineered the circumstances. He used them to prove Himself as well as my loyalty. Not everyone had this privilege. I felt there were only a few people God cared for in such a special way that He would trust them with this kind of experience. This understanding left me relaxed and comfortable as I relied on His love, exercising newly learned trust. I saw that my injury was not a tragedy but a gift God was using to help me conform to the image of Christ, something that would mean my ultimate satisfaction, happiness—even joy.

That is God's wisdom on how to endure a major trial with joy! She did not get that wisdom from the world. She did not make it up herself. It came from God, through His Word. If you need God's wisdom for how to endure any major or minor trial with joy, ask Him in faith and He will give it.

- [James 1:9-12 Perspective for Perseverance](#)

Excerpt - The famous evangelist, George Whitefield, once told of seeing some criminals riding in a cart on their way to the gallows. They were arguing about who should sit on the right hand of the cart, with no more concern than children arguing about who sits where in the car (in Elisabeth Dodds, *Marriage to a Difficult Man* [Westminster Press], p. 113). Here were men about to die that very day, arguing over who got the best seat! James would have us see that life is a vapor (4:14). We're all going to die soon. To focus on accumulating wealth if we lack it or to expend ourselves in amassing more wealth than we already have, would be rather shortsighted. Rather, we should focus on the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him. That eternal focus will enable us to persevere in trials with joy.

- [James 1:13-15 The Source, Force and Course of Temptation](#)

Excerpt - A man was on a diet and struggling. He had to go downtown and as he started out, he remembered that his route would take him by the doughnut shop. As he got closer, he thought that a cup of coffee would hit the spot. Then he remembered his diet. That's when he prayed, "Lord, if You want me to stop for a doughnut and coffee, let there be a parking place in front of the shop." He said, "Sure enough, I found a parking place right in front—on my *seventh time* around the block!" As Robert Orben said, "Most people want to be delivered from temptation but would like it to keep in touch" (*Reader's Digest* [8/86], p. 35). Allow me to state the obvious: *You will not make it as a Christian if you do not learn to overcome temptation.*

- [James 1:16-18 Avoiding Deception in Trials](#)

- [James 1:19-21 A Receptive Heart](#)

Excerpt - A current popular myth in evangelical circles is that salvation is based on a personal decision for Christ and that such a decision may or may not result in a changed life. In this paradigm, a child from a Christian home may make a decision at summer camp "to invite Jesus into his heart." He goes forward at the closing song after a meeting. He gets some follow-up, is given a Bible and told to read it every day. Perhaps when he gets back to his church, he is baptized. He attends church every Sunday, because that's what his family does.

But as he gets older, he finds church to be boring and irrelevant. He prefers having fun with his worldly

friends to hanging out with the church crowd. His friends introduce him to drinking, drugs, pornography, and sex. He drops out of church. He never reads his Bible. He has no desire to know Christ in a deeper way. And yet his parents will say, "But he's saved, because he made a decision for Christ as a boy at church camp!"

But the important question in situations like this is, "Is there any evidence of a changed heart or new life in Christ?" As we saw in James 1:18, salvation is a matter of God imparting new life through His word of truth. Just as a newborn baby gives clear evidence that he is alive and well, so a new believer gives evidence of his new life in Christ. His desires change. He was a God-hater, alienated from God, hostile toward Him. Now he is a God-lover, reconciled to God, receptive to the truths of God's word.

Jesus' parable of the sower (Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23; Mark 4:3-20; Luke 8:4-15) shows that genuine faith in Christ is not just a flash in the pan. Faith in Christ endures and produces fruit.

- [James 1:22-27 Doers of the Word](#)

Excerpt - Pastor Stuart Briscoe was teaching the principles of Bible study. He showed how to pick out the promises and the commands in Scripture, and what to do with them. Finally, he reviewed and asked, "Now, what do you do with the commands?" A little old lady raised her hand and said, "I underline them in blue." Underlining the Bible's commands in blue might make for a colorful Bible, but the point of the commands is that we *obey* them. Unfortunately, there are many people in evangelical churches who have their heads filled with information from the Bible, but they don't obey what the Bible commands. That may sound harsh, but surveys commonly show that there is substantially no difference between evangelical Christians and the population at large on most moral and social beliefs and behavior. For example, pollster George Barna (in *World* [12/6/03], p. 33) found that one out of three "born-again Christians" (defined as "those who report having made a personal commitment to Christ and expect to get to heaven because they accepted Jesus") accept same-sex unions. Thirty-nine percent believe it is morally acceptable for couples to live together before marriage. And, born-again Christians are *more likely* than non-Christians to have experienced divorce (27 to 24 %)! James would be aghast!

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DEVOTIONALS

JAMES

These make excellent sermon illustrations.

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To show how one might use this devotional page, here are several examples of illustrations that can be found on the page of devotionals listed above...

- **Illustration of James 3:6 The Point of No Return** - It wasn't as simple as just crossing another river. By law, no Roman general could lead armed troops into Rome. So when Julius Caesar led his Thirteenth Legion across the Rubicon River and

into Italy in 49 bc, it was an act of treason. The impact of Caesar's decision was irreversible, generating years of civil war before Rome's great general became absolute ruler. Still today, the phrase "crossing the Rubicon" is a metaphor for "passing the point of no return." Sometimes we can cross a relational Rubicon with the words we say to others. Once spoken, words can't be taken back. They can either offer help and comfort or do damage that feels just as irreversible as Caesar's march on Rome. James gave us another word picture about words when he said, "The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell" (James 3:6).

- **Illustration of James 1:2** - Fire can be one of the worst enemies of trees. But it can also be helpful. Experts say that small, frequent fires called "cool" fires clean the forest floor of dead leaves and branches but don't destroy the trees. They leave behind ashes, which are perfect for seeds to grow in. Surprisingly, low-intensity fires are necessary for healthy growth of trees. Similarly, trials—pictured as fire in the Bible—are necessary for our spiritual health and growth (1 Peter 1:7; 4:12).
- **Illustration of James 1:2-4 - HIGHER MATH** - Mathematical formulas work well with numbers, but not with people. That's why this equation in James 1 sounds unworkable: FAITH + TRIALS = PATIENCE One might better try to mix oil and water. But what makes this formula work is confidence in God's unfailing love, which allows for all the human emotions that come with life's trials.
- **Illustration of James 1:1-4** - A University of Michigan microbiologist tells his students that the human body is made up of ten trillion cells, which are home to some 100 trillion bacteria. He supports this claim by citing studies conducted by University of Pennsylvania researchers who once estimated that a dime-sized patch of skin may hold up to two million bacteria. The presence of all those little critters might seem to be an overwhelming threat to our health. But scientists who have come to understand and appreciate the role of bacteria say that we would actually be sicker without them than we are with them. They apparently help ward off other bacteria that cause diseases. This is not an argument for careless personal hygiene. But it is an interesting parallel to the setting in which Christians are called to live. Contrary to what we might think, we can actually benefit from a hostile environment.
- **Illustration of James 1:1-12 Trial By Fire** - F. B. Meyer explained it this way: "A bar of iron worth \$2.50, when wrought into horseshoes is worth \$5. If made into needles it is worth \$175. If into penknife blades it is worth \$1,625. If made into springs for watches it is worth \$125,000. What a 'trial by fire' that bar must undergo to be worth this! But the more it is manipulated, and the more it is hammered and passed through the heat, beaten, pounded, and polished, the greater its value." Christian, are you wondering about the trials through which you are passing? With impatient heart are you saying, "How long, O Lord?" The heat of the flame and the blows of the hammer are necessary if you are to be more than an unpolished, rough bar of iron. God's all-wise plan, though it calls for the fire, produces the valuable watch spring of maturity. His very best for your life has behind it His perfect timing

Below are links to a collection of devotionals from Moody Bible's "**Today in the Word.**" The introduction to each devotional frequently begins with an illustration related to the specific passage.

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Biblegateway devotionals - [click for link to multiple devotionals on James.](#) They are of variable quality to Be a Berean. Here are some examples...

John Piper - Is God's Love Conditional?. (James 4:8)

This verse means that there is a precious experience of peace and assurance and harmony and intimacy that is not unconditional. It depends on our not grieving the Spirit.

It depends on our putting away bad habits. It depends on forsaking the petty inconsistencies of our Christian lives. It depends on our walking closely with God and aiming at the highest degree of holiness.

If this is true, I fear that the unguarded reassurances today that God's love is unconditional may stop people from doing the very things the Bible says they need to do in order to have the peace that they so desperately crave. In trying to give peace through "unconditionality" we may be cutting people off from the very remedy the Bible prescribes.

Let us declare untiringly the good news that our justification is based on the worth of Christ's obedience and sacrifice, not ours (Romans 5:19, "as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even

so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous”).

But let us also declare the biblical truth that the enjoyment of that justification in its effect on our joy and confidence and power to grow in likeness to Jesus is conditioned on our actively forsaking sins and forsaking bad habits and mortifying lusts and pursuing intimacy with Christ, and not grieving the Spirit.

Quest Bible - Is faith enough? James 2:14–24

Are we saved by grace through faith alone (see Eph 2:8–9) or do we also need good works?

James does not argue that good works are required for salvation. Nor does he say that deeds are more important than beliefs. Rather, he insists that there are two kinds of faith—one legitimate and the other illegitimate; “faith ... made complete” (v. 22) and “faith without deeds” (v. 20). Both are “belief” in one sense of the word. But legitimate faith goes deeper than “right thinking” to “right living.”

Confusion may arise, however, when we recall that Paul writes that we cannot earn salvation. He uses Abraham as an example of one who received God’s promise, not through human effort, but through faith (see Gal 3:6–12).

James also uses Abraham as an example, but his focus and emphasis are different than Paul’s. He skips over the futility of human effort to discuss the futility of deficient faith—faith that stops at the intellectual level. Even demons have that kind of “faith,” James exclaims (v. 19)!

James’s point, then, is that Abraham exercised authentic faith—demonstrated by his actions. Abraham’s deeds earned him nothing, but they proved his faith was genuine: Right faith led to right actions. If he had not trusted God, Abraham could never have offered his son—the fulfillment of God’s promise—on the altar (vv. 21–22). Paul uses Abraham to show that people are justified on the basis of real faith; James shows that Abraham’s faith was proven to be real because it worked (compare Gal 5:6).

So then, we don’t need anything but faith—the right kind of faith—to be saved by God. And our behavior will show what our faith is made of, whether or not it is legitimate.

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Alfred Plummer

James Rosscup writes - This is a good study in the Greek text.

Cyril Barber - Worth consulting, but does not deserve to be placed high on the preacher's priority list. (The Minister's Library, Vol 1)

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D Edmond Hiebert - Greek text. A technical commentary providing grammatical information and important word studies. Often cites rabbinic sources. Defends Petrine authorship and dates the letter at A.D. 64. ([An Introduction to the New Testament](#))

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JOHN GILL

COMMENTARY

JAMES

James Rosscup - Gill (1697–1771), a pastor of England, wrote these which are two-column pages, ca. 900–1,000 pages per volume, Originally they were 9 volumes, folio. He also wrote Body of Divinity, 3 volumes, and several other volumes. His commentary is evangelical, wrestles with texts, is often wordy and not to the point but with worthy things for the patient who follow the ponderous detail and fish out slowly what his interpretation of a text is. He feels the thousand years in Revelation 20 cannot begin until after the conversion of the Jews and the bringing in of the fullness of the Gentiles and destruction of all antiChristian powers (volume 6, p. 1063) but in an amillennial sense of new heavens and new earth coming right after Christ's second advent (1064–65), and the literal thousand years of binding at the same time. He feels the group that gathers against the holy city at the end of the thousand years is the resurrected wicked dead from the four quarters of the earth (i.e. from all the earth, etc. (1067).

Spurgeon - Beyond all controversy, Gill was one of the most able Hebraists of his day, and in other matters no mean proficient...His [ultraism](#) is discarded, but his learning is respected: the world and the church take leave to question his dogmatism, but they both bow before his erudition. Probably no man since Gill's days has at all equalled him in the matter of Rabbinical learning.

He preached in the same church as C. H. Spurgeon over one hundred years earlier. Yet most people today have never heard of John Gill. This is unfortunate, since his works contain priceless gems of information that are found nowhere except in the ancient writings of the Jews.

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DAVID GUZIK

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James Rosscup - This evangelical work, devotional in character, has been in constant demand for about 280 years. Its insight into human problems is great, but it often does not deal adequately with problems in the text. The one-volume form eliminates the Biblical text and is thus less bulky. It has sold very well. The late Wilbur M. Smith, internationally noted Bible teacher, seminary professor and lover of books, tabbed this "The greatest devotional commentary ever written". Henry was born in a Welch farmhouse, studied law, and became a Presbyterian minister near London. He wrote this commentary in the last 13 years before he died at 52 in 1714. The first of six volumes was published in 1708. **He completed through Acts, and the rest of the New Testament was done by 14 clergymen.** (Ed: Thus James are not the comments of Matthew Henry).

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INTERVARSITY PRESS COMMENTARY

Epistle of James

George M. Stulac

James Rosscup - A Presbyterian pastor provides a clear, refreshing survey that shows often how to apply truth. This is one of the top three or four popular expositions, though teachers, pastors and students can need more grappling with details to bolster discussions, as in R. Martin, J. B. Mayor, P. Davids, J. Adamson, R. C. H. Lenski, etc. At times, Stulac's work gets fairly detailed on views and arguments, as in 4:5. In 5:14–16 physical illness may also involve sin.

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RAY STEDMAN

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- [Should a Christian Set Goals?](#)
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- [The Theology of Prayer in James](#)

COMMENTARIES ON THE BOOK OF JAMES

JOHN ADAM

- [James - Exposition of James - Contents](#)

Spurgeon comments - "Good, plain discourses, for which the author acknowledges his indebtedness to various eminent writers who have discussed the Epistle. Our readers had better make similar discourses of their own—if they can."

PAUL APPLE

- [James - A Devotional Commentary - Nine Tests of Genuine Faith - Pdf \(good quotes and illustrations\)](#)

UNKNOWN

- [James Commentary](#)

J. N. DARBY

- [James Brief Exposition of the Epistle of James](#)

J R DUMMELOW

- [James Commentary \(shorter comments\)](#)

C J ELLICOTT Commentary for English Readers

James Rosscup - Though concise in its statements, this old commentary reveals a thorough knowledge of the Greek and is very helpful in matters of grammar and word meanings.

- [James Introduction](#)
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A C GAEBELEIN

James Rosscup - This dispensationally oriented work is not verse-by-verse, but deals with the exposition on a broader scale, treating blocks of thought within the chapters. Cf. also Arno C. Gaebelein, Gaebelein's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible (I Volume, Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux, 1985), the Annotated Bible revised. The author was a popular evangelical Bible teacher of the first part of the century, much like H. A. Ironside in his diligent but broad, practical expositions of Bible books. Gaebelein was premillennial and dispensational, and editor for many years of Our Hope Magazine.

- [James Commentary - Annotated Bible - Introduction](#)
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- [James 3 Commentary - The Evils of the Tongue Corrected](#)
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- [James 5 Commentary - The Coming of the Lord & the Life of Faith](#)

F. B. HOLE

- [James Commentary \(Plymouth Brethren\)](#)

H A IRONSIDE COMMENTARY

Cyril Barber - Continuously in print for 50 years, having made its debut in 1947. Ironside always has something good to say. He is easy to read, evangelical, and provides deft applications of the truth to life. One limitation of this revision is the use of the KJV when some other modern translation (e.g., NKJV) would have

better served the needs of modern readers. Otherwise, this exposition is lucid and ideal for lay Bible study.

James Rosscup - He is staunchly evangelical, showing good broad surveys based on diligent study, practical turns, even choice illustrations. In prophecy he is premillennial dispensational....Many preachers have found that Ironside works, read along with heavier books on details of exegesis, help them see the sweep of the message and prime their spirits for practical relevance.

John Cereghin - Ironside, Harry A., Expository Notes on the Epistles of James and Peter, 1947, 41 pages. Brief devotional exposition. He attacks hyper-Calvinism (68); denounces the error of "soul sleep" (73); suggests that angels may refer to Genesis 6 (82-83); teaches the Premillennial coming of Christ (98). A practical and devotional exposition. Reprinted from the 1904 edition.

- [James Introduction](#)
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WILLIAM KELLY

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RICHARD KNOWLING - The Epistle of James, Westminster Commentaries

Cyril Barber - One of the better works in this series. (The Minister's Library - Volume 1)

- [James Commentary - Introduction](#)
- [James 1 Commentary](#)
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IAN MACKERVOY - EASY ENGLISH

- [James: What faith should do - Easy English](#)

THOMAS MANTON

Thomas Manton's commentary on James is a classic work that should not be ignored merely because it is older. There is a wealth of insight here. ([Ligonier's #3 Rated Commentary on James](#))

- [A Practical Exposition of James - Click for Index](#)

J VERNON MCGEE

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- [Introduction](#)
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JAMES MOFFATT

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- [James - Everyman's NT Commentary- Verse by Verse Comments](#)

ALAN PERKINS

- [James \(and Jude\) - An Undivided Heart for God - Includes Questions for Small Group study](#)- note that beginning on page 231 is a Special Study on the Doctrine of Justification by Faith

E G PUNCHARD - ELLICOTT'S COMMENTARY FOR ENGLISH READERS

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JAMES ROPES

James Rosscup - In this **liberal** technical work, Ropes decides that the author was not James the Lord's brother but a teacher in Palestine between A. D. 75 and 125 (49). He devotes pp. 1–115 to introduction. His work is one of the better older ones on details of the Greek text and at times has fairly good input on what a phrase means, such as "the crown of life" in 1:12 (150–52). But Ropes fails to explain how reward as a crown, eternal life, is consistent with eternal life being entirely God's gift, not by works. At a number of points he is rather flat when he might be clearer. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works. The Woodlands, TX: Kress Christian Publications)

- [Commentary on James](#)
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- [Commentary on James 5](#)

JOHN SCHULTZ - former missionary to Papua New Guinea

- [James Commentary](#) - 74 pages, brief but well done notes (he quotes 54 times from Moo's work)

A B SIMPSON

- [James 1:2, 12 Chapter 1 The Practical Discipline of Life](#)
- [James 1:5, 6, 7, Chapter 2 Practical Faith](#)
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HAMILTON SMITH

- [The Epistle of James](#)

RUDOLF STIER - 520 pages, pages are somewhat water stained but very legible

Cyril Barber: First published in English in 1871. This work is of value to preachers as well as laypeople. The former, the method of exposition is at once informative and instructive. To the latter, the method of application is enriching and edifying. . (The Minister's Library. Volume 1)

Spurgeon on Stier - No one can be expected to receive all that Stier has to say, but he must be dull indeed who cannot learn much from him. Read with care, he is a great instructor.

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G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- [James 1:2-4 The Life of the Christian - Its Testing](#)

F B MEYER

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