

# Bible Study Guide for James 1:1-12

## **Day 1 – James 1:1-4**

1. James, the author of the book we are about to study, was the half-brother of Jesus. He, along with the rest of His brothers, did not believe in Jesus during the time of His ministry. Perhaps the change occurred when Jesus appeared to James after the resurrection as seen in **I Corinthians 15:7**. James became the pastor of the church in Jerusalem and suffered a martyr's death. How did he describe himself in **James 1:1** and what does that tell you about him?
2. *“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4.* From the following passages, what are some of the “various trials” that may be encountered, and what is the reaction that is spoken of in each case?  
**Matthew 5:10-12**

**Habakkuk 3:17-18**

**Acts 16:23, 25**

**Hebrews 10:34**

3. James spoke about our attitude when we face the trials of life. How does the attitude we bring with us into a trial affect the outcome it will have?
4. Perhaps knowing how these trials (outward circumstances) are able to benefit our lives will help us develop this positive, joyful attitude when we encounter them.
  - a. What did James say was the value of having these trials come into our lives?
  - b. What did Peter say was the value of the various trials that distress us in **I Peter 1:6-9**?
5. Study the word endurance. What does it mean? What are some synonyms for endurance?