

James 1:1—2:13

¹ Jacob, a slave of the Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the scattering: Rejoice! ² You must govern every joy, my brothers, whenever you might fall-into various tests, ³ knowing that the proving of your faithfulness is accomplishing patience. ⁴ And patience must have complete work, so that you might be complete and whole with nothing being left-out. ⁵ And if someone among you is leaving-out wisdom, then he must ask from the giving Creator for all things, simply and while not insulting, and it will be given to him. ⁶ And he must ask with faithfulness while not judging-through. For the one who is judging-through is like a flood of the sea, being blown-by-the-wind and thrown-down. ⁷ For that human must not suppose that he will receive something from the Lord. ⁸ He is a double-souled man, inconsistent in all of his ways. ⁹ And the lowly brother must boast in his height. ¹⁰ And the wealthy must boast in his lowliness, because he is passing-away like a flower of the grass. ¹¹ For the sun sprang-up with burning-heat and dried-up the grass and its flower fell and the attractiveness of its face was destroyed. Like this also the wealthy will be extinguished in his pursuits. ¹² Blessed is the man who is patiently-remaining in testing because, after becoming approved, he will receive the crown of life which he promised to those who are loving him. ¹³ No one while being tested must say, "I am being tested by the Creator," for the Creator is untested by harmful-things and he himself is testing no one. ¹⁴ And each person is being tested by his own desire, being dragged out and being seduced. ¹⁵ Then the desire, after seizing, is birthing separation and the separation, after being completed, is producing death. ¹⁶ You must not be led astray, my loved brothers! ¹⁷ Every good gift and every complete free-gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ After being purposed, he produced us with the word of truth for us to be a firstfruit, one of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must perceive, my loved brothers! Every human must be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. ²⁰ For the anger of man is not accomplishing the righteousness of the Creator. ²¹ Therefore, after putting-off all filth and abundance of harm, with humility you must receive the implanted word, the one being able to save your souls. ²² And you must become practicers of the word and not only listeners who are rationalizing yourselves. ²³ Because if someone is a listener of the word and not a practicer, then this one is like a man considering the face of his genesis in a mirror, ²⁴ for he considered himself and departed and immediately forgot what sort he was. ²⁵ And the one hiding in the complete law of freedom, and is remaining, not becoming a forgetful listener but a practicer of work, this one will be blessed in his practicing. ²⁶ If someone is thinking to be religious, while not bridling his tongue but deceiving his heart, the religion of this one is useless. ²⁷ Clean and spotless religion before the Creator and Father is this: to watch-over orphans and widows in their oppression, to keep oneself unstained by the cosmos.

^{2,1} My brothers, you must not have the faithfulness of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with prejudice. ² For if a gold-fingered man might enter into your synagogue in bright clothing, and also a poor man might enter in dirty clothing ³ and you might you look upon the one wearing the bright clothing and you might say, “You yourself must sit here, beautifully,” and you might say to the poor man, “You yourself must stand or sit there under my footstool,” ⁴ then you were not judging yourselves and became judges of distorted reasoning! ⁵ You must listen, my beloved brothers! Did not the Creator elect the poor, according to the cosmos, to be wealthy in faith and inheritors of the Kingdom which he promised to those loving him? ⁶ And you yourselves have disvalued the poor! Are not the wealthy pushing you down and dragging you into judgment-halls? ⁷ Are they not blaspheming the beautiful name being called upon you? ⁸ If you are actually completing the royal law according to the writing, “*You will love your neighbor as yourself,*” then you are practicing beautifully. ⁹ And if you are being prejudiced, then you are working separation while being rebuked by the law as violators. ¹⁰ For whoever might guard the whole law and might trip in one, has become guilty of all. ¹¹ For the one saying, “*You should not adulterize,*” also said, “*You should not kill.*” And if you are not adulterizing and you are killing, then you have become a violator of the law. ¹² Like this you must speak and like this you must practice, as though, through the law of freedom, you are about to be judged. ¹³ For the judgment is merciless to the one not practicing mercy. Mercy is boasting-over judgment.