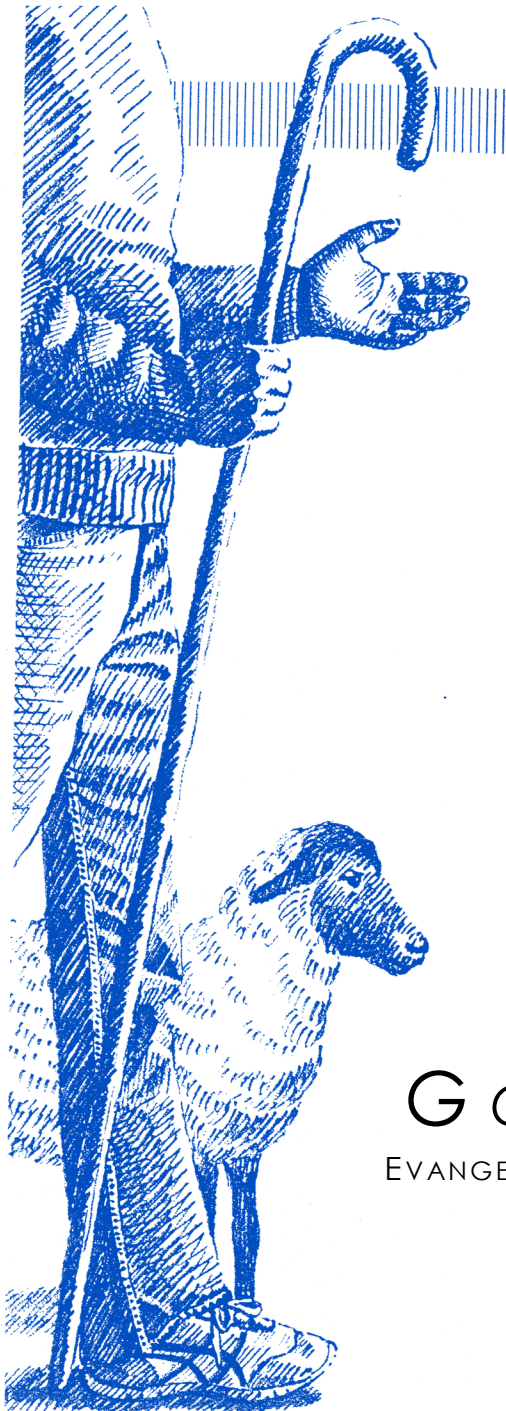


Thus says the Lord, "In quietness and confidence is your strength"—Isaiah 30:15



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1. **James 1:1-8** "James, a **servant** of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

Who wrote this book? **How** does he describe himself? **What** is the description of the people to whom he is writing? **Why** start like this?



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2. **James 1:1-8** "...**Consider it pure joy**, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds...

'**Pure joy**' is a good rendering of two words that mean 'all joy' - intense, complete, untainted, focused joy. **How does God want me to understand "pure joy" when all around me is sadness? or fear? Or hate? or _____ ?**



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3. **James 1:1-8** "...whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

God reveals He has a purpose for me, His plan and His details for my life. One person wrote: "**A person who is blessed by God may not be happy.**" **Comments?**

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4. **James 1:1-8** "... the testing of your faith develops perseverance. **Perseverance must finish its work** so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

The Holy Spirit reveals that **endurance** is one step on the path of trials for the believer. This creates an attitude of "there's a silver lining around every cloud." **Why might this godly attitude be viewed by the world as being foolish in the face of various trials that Christians endure?**

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5. **James 1:1-8** "...If any of you lacks wisdom, he should **ask God**, who **gives** generously to all without finding fault, and it **will be given** to him. But when he asks, **he must believe and not doubt**, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the LORD; he is a double minded man, unstable in all he does."

Explain "**he must believe and not doubt**". Believe what? What exactly must we believe and not doubt?

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Hebrews 11:6 – And **without faith it is impossible to please God**, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

"The answer to my asking depends on me, not God." Comments?

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6. **John 15:7** – If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.



Prayer is worship in which a Christian may come, request, praise and thank God the Father for anything at anytime in any place with any words.

"God doesn't answer my prayers" comments

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