Sermon Notes Pastor Bill Bjork

Date: September 14, 2025, 8:30AM and 10:30AM

Message: SALUTATION FROM A SERVANT
A Study in God's Word Based on James 1:1

The Text: "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings." (NIV, c. 1984)

The Exposition:

- I. General Observations:
 - 1. About the Original Readers
 - 2. About the Plan of Salvation
 - 3. About Unsaved Family Members
 - 4. About the Epistle's Applicability to Us
- II. Specific Application:

What truths about the Christian life emerge when we see ourselves, as James did, as "servants of God"?

1. Our **SIGNIFICANCE** before God.

- 2. Our **ACCEPTANCE** by God.
- 3. Our **DEVOTION** to God.

[The book of James is the main example of wisdom literature in the New Testament. True wisdom may be defined as "a **FUNCTION** of mind, spirit, and will, whereby we look at all of **LIFE** from God's **PERSPECTIVE** and bring every facet of it under the **LORDSHIP** of Christ and His word, with the result that we become 'prosperous and **SUCCESSFUL**' (Joshua 1:8)."

4. Our **COMPLETENESS** in God.