FAITH AND LIFE TRANSFORMATION

The book of James resembles the Sermon on the Mount more than any other New Testament book. This connection demonstrates the profound impact of Jesus' teachings on James. It reminds us that Jesus' words were foundational, shaping His first disciples, the early Church, and us today as we live out His mission and teachings.

LESSON

- When your life is filled with challenges and hardships, rejoice. A reward is waiting for you.
- 2. You are to be perfect, strong in character, full, and complete.
- 3. Ask God, and He will answer.
- 4. Those who are humble and don't amount to much by the world's standards should feel quite thankful.
- **5.** Be mindful of your anger; it can be harmful.

REFERENCE

James 1:2, Matthew 5:10–12

James 1:4, Matthew 5:48

James 1:5, 5:15, Matthew 7:7–12

James 1:9, Matthew 5:3

James 1:20, Matthew 5:22

LESSON

- **6.** Show mercy to others, just as God shows mercy to you.
- **7.** Your faith should be demonstrated through your care for others.
- **8.** Blessed are those who strive for peace; peacemakers sow seeds of peace and gather a harvest of goodness.
- You cannot serve both God and money, pleasures, or evil.
 Associating with evil makes you an enemy of God.
- **10.** When we humble ourselves and acknowledge our need for God, He will come to us and uplift us.
- **11.** Avoid criticizing or speaking ill of others; it goes against God's command to love one another.
- **12.** The treasures on earth will eventually erode and vanish—we should invest in eternal treasures in Heaven.
- **13.** Stay patient during hardships, just as God's prophets were patient.
- **14.** Be honest in your speech, allowing you to give a straightforward yes or no and maintain trustworthiness.

REFERENCE

James 2:13, Matthew 5:7, 6:14

James 2:14–16, Matthew 7:21–23

James 3:17–18, Matthew 5:9

James 4:4, Matthew 6:24

James 4:10, Matthew 5:3–4

James 4:11, Matthew 7:1–2

James 5:2, Matthew 6:19

James 5:10, Matthew 5:10–12

James 5:12, Matthew 5:33–37