

warns his readers that perseverance has a purpose (cf. 1:12; 5:7-12). In 1:19 he sounds a warning about the Christian's use of ears and mouth (cf. 1:20-21, 26; 3:1-12; 4:11-12). In 1:22 he hints at his coming argument for visible faith (cf. 1:23-25; 2:14-16; 3:13-14; 4:17; 5:1-6).

For further study:

JAMES by R.V.G. Tasker is a helpful commentary in the Tyndale series. JAMES by James B. Adamson is a more technical work in the New International Commentary series. JAMES in Vol. 3: Harmony of the Gospels, part 3 by John Calvin, includes commentaries on James and Jude. The new translation is an eminently useful and readable work.

b. Extended notes:

(1) Chapter Summaries:

1. Testing our faith and being doers of the Word
2. Sin of Partiality. Faith and deeds.
3. Controlling the tongue. Two kinds of wisdom
4. Worldliness and its remedy..planning and slander
5. Warning to wicked rich, comfort for the persecuted, confession, prayer, restoration.

(2) Special emphases:

- practicality of Christian life
- relation of faith and works
- healing
- endurance
- obedience to the Word
- Christian speech
- the coming of the Lord

c. Conclusion:

James is sometimes identified with the motto.."Belief that Behaves". I used it some time ago for a camp series with the theme of "BEing Christian in all our Ways." It must be seen that just as Galatians addresses on set of problems, etc., James does the same thing and therefore cannot be faulted if the content is different or some items that are keys otherwise are not keys in James. In its perspective it is a convicting book of very pointed stress.