

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for February 28 - March 1, 1998

"Introduction to James"

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James 1:1

Theme of Epistle: Tests of a living faith

Verses that emphasize importance of examination (Psalms 17:3; 26:1-2; 139:23-24; Lamentations 3:40; Ezekiel 18:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5).

Scripture portions that emphasize importance of examination (Matthew 5-7).

Bible books that emphasize importance of examination (1 John, James).

Who wrote the epistle? There are four choices:

James the son of Alpheus

James the father of Judas

James the son of Zebedee

James the brother of Jesus

James the brother of Jesus was not a follower of Christ during his earthly ministry (John 7:1-5).

James was converted after the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:7).

What kind of man was James?

He had a forceful personality.

He was called in church history "James the righteous."

He was a respected and effective leader within the church.