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Introduction to the Book of James
Practical Christianity in a Pragmatic World

I. Introduction

II. The Author: James a Servant of God

- A. Potential Writers
 - 1. James, the Son of Alphaeus
 - 2. James the father of Judas (not Iscariot)
 - 3. James the apostle, the brother of John
 - 4. James, the brother of Jude

- B. What do we know about James?
 - 1. Lived in the Family with Jesus

 - 2. Was not a believer in Jesus' early ministry (John 7:5)

III. The Audience

IV. The Genre

V. The Purpose

- A. Christianity: A New Frame of Reference

- B. Practical Christianity Lived BY THE POWER OF HIS SPIRIT

VI. The Theology

- A. Trials and Persecution

- B. Wisdom and Folly

- C. Poverty and Prosperity

- D. Sin and Temptation

- E. Godly Speech

- F. Works and Faith

- G. God and the Poor

- H. Faith and Prayer

VII. Conclusion