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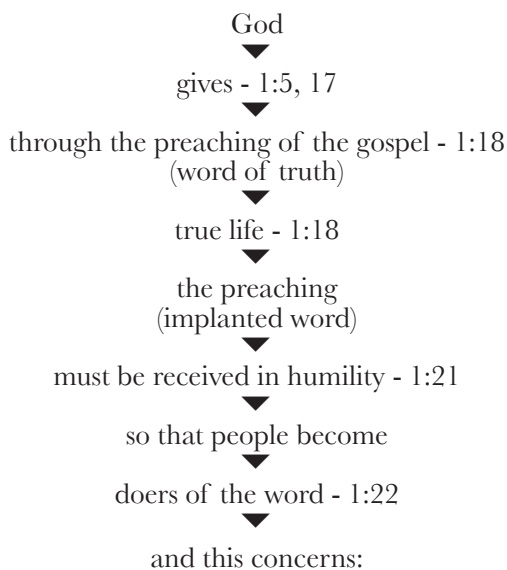
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A visual outline of the flow of thought in James



Words	+	Deeds
(Speaking)	(see 2 : 12)	(acting)
1 : 17 – 21		1 : 22 - 25
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Part 1 - Introduction to James

1. What do we know about the author of this letter? See James 1:1; compare Acts 12:17; Acts 15:13-21 and 21:18; Galatians 2:9.

2. Do you think the author knew the readers? See James 1:2,16,19; 2:1,14.

3. The readers:

- a) What do we know about the readers to whom James writes this letter? See 1:1b; compare 1 Peter 1:1; 2:9,10; Ephesians 2:12-13; 19-20.

- b) Would it be right to say that the church “displaces” Israel as the people of God?

4. Life situation of the readers:

- a) What do we know from James’ letter about the life situation of the readers?

b) How does this compare with our life situation?

5. Similarities between the letter of James and the Sermon on the Mount:

a) Highlight at least five similarities between the letter of James and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). For some help see the table below.

b) What do these similarities tell us about the relationship between James and the Lord Jesus?

c) Do you think James is quoting from Matthew or does he have a different source?

6. What would you say is the main theme of the letter of James?
See James 1:22; 2:12 etc.

James 1:2	Matthew 5:10-12
James 1:4	Matthew 5:48
James 1:5	Matthew 7:7
James 1:22	Matthew 7:24-27
James 2:10	Matthew 5:19
James 1:13	Matthew 5:7
James 3:18	Matthew 5:9
James 4:11-12	Matthew 7:1-5
James 5:12	Matthew 5:33-37