- 12. Was Mary a perpetual virgin (as some try to say)? How do we know?
- 13. How many of the four gospels say something about Mary's children?
- 14. In Matthew 12:48, Jesus was not seeking to be what toward His mother and brothers?
- 15. People of the society probably assumed that the family members of Jesus would get what from Him?
- 16. The mother and brothers of Jesus were sinners who needed what?
- 17. Mary understood her need for forgiveness and salvation. We know that from what statement in Luke 1:47?
- 18. Jesus took the emphasis off the natural family relationships and exalted the supremacy and eternality of what?
- 19. We know what from John 7:5 about the Lord's brothers' motives (when they said what they said in verses 2-4)?
- 20. We know from Mark 3:20-21 that the Lord's family thought He was what?
- 21. Exposure to Jesus does not guarantee what?
- 22. How many of Jesus' half-brothers wrote books of the Bible?
- 23. According to I Corinthians 15:7, which of the Lord's brothers came to believe when Jesus appeared to him after the resurrection?
- 24. The book of James has been called "The" what of the New Testament?
- 25. It is obvious that James was tremendously influenced by what?
- 26. How many references or allusions from the Old Testament are found in the 108 verses of James's book?
- 27. James was also greatly influenced by what sermon?

- 28. The emphasis of James is not so much on doctrine as it is on what?
- 29. How many of the verses in James are commands/imperatives?
- 30. James eventually became one of the key leaders in what church?
- 31. What chapters/references speak of James as a key leader?
- 32. We also know that James was very observant of what?
- 33. The book of James was probably written around what time?
- 34. In the book of James there is no mention of what kind of Christians?
- 35. The theology presented in James views Christianity in terms of what?
- 36. The references to Jesus' teaching indicate it was written prior to what?
- 37. The use of what word, indicates an early date?
- 38. James makes no mention of what important event?
- 39. "The twelve tribes scattered abroad" is a reference to Jewish people/believers in Jesus who lived where?
- 40. British Israeli-ism" is a term to mask rampant what?
- 41. A demonstration of humility is seen in James when he writes that he himself is a what?
- 42. What is the word that describes a servant who loves his master so much that we wants to serve him forever out of love?
- 43. James didn't see Jesus as his brother. He saw Him as His what?

- 44. When James came to understand that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Lord of heaven and earth, He realized that the only proper response was a what?
- 45. You can outline the entire letter of James around what subject?
- 46. James wants us to understand what?
- 47. For James, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ affects what?
- 48. So for you personally, does faith permeate every facet of your life?

## Jesus did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like Himself. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- \*\*\*How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- \*\*\*How can I accomplish this change?
- >>> What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## For Next Time:

- 1) Read James one time through
- 2) Read James 1:1-3 and give some time to pondering the truths of these three verses.
- 3) Does God ever shout?
- 4) What is a way that James 1:2-3 could be misused by someone trying to help another person struggle through a trial?

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## PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

James 1:1 (Series #1)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "Practical Christianity." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- 1. What is your first thought about the question regarding being raised in a home in which Jesus was your older brother?
- 2. Perfect character also involves perfect what?
- 3. There was a time when Jesus' brothers did not do what?
- 4. What chapter in Matthew is a pivotal one?
- 5. By the time one gets to the end of Matthew 12, Jesus has officially rejected whom?
- 6. When the spiritual leaders wrote Jesus off, many people in the society did what?
- 7. When Matthew 13:54 refers to "His own country" it is referring to where?
- 8. What did Jesus NOT receive from Mary?
- 9. We don't know how many children Joseph and Mary had but it was at least how many?
- 10. Jesus had at least how many sisters?
- 11. The opinion by the people of Jesus' hometown was that Jesus was just a carpenter, not whom?
- \*\*To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.