



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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JAMES

CHAPTERS 1 TO 5

Chapter 1

Count it all joy when you're put to the test.
He who receives, and remembers, is blessed.
Wisdom, if wanted, at God's hand is sent.
God is not tempted, nor yet will He tempt.

Chapter 2

Have no respect for the rich of this life;
They will oppress you, and render you strife.
Every last bit of the law is in force.
Faith without works is as dead as a corpse.

Chapter 3

Bridle the tongue, and the body is tame.
This little member's a billowing flame,
Sending forth blessing and cursing, with ease.
This sort of thing, my dear brother, should cease.

Chapter 4

Whence comes the warfare, the envy, the strife?
This is the fruit of the lust in your life.
God stops the proud, to the humble gives grace.
Stand up to Satan; he'll flee from your face.

Chapter 5

Go to, you rich men; just bellow and howl;
You shall receive of your dealings so foul.
Patience is priceless; it reaps in the end.
Christ is the healer, the pardoning friend.