

# Trials, Temptations and the Character of God

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**James 1:1** James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad, greetings.

## 1. W\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup> Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

## 2. Trust God's p\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

## 3. Envision c\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> And let endurance have *its* perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

## 4. Ask for w\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

<sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

<sup>7</sup> For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

<sup>8</sup> *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

## 5. Be confident in your h\_\_\_\_\_ position

<sup>9</sup> But let the brother of humble circumstances glory in his high position;

<sup>10</sup> and *let* the rich man *glory* in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away.

<sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with a scorching wind, and withers the grass; and its flower falls off, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

## 6. Wait patiently for your r\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

## 7. Take responsibility for your t\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

<sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

<sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

## 8. Know that God is g\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

<sup>17</sup> Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

<sup>18</sup> In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.

## 9. **L\_\_\_\_\_ to God's word**

<sup>19</sup> *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger;

<sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

## 10. **L\_\_\_\_\_ God's word**

<sup>22</sup> But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

<sup>24</sup> for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

<sup>25</sup> But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.