

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_____

² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

2. Trust God's p_____

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

3. Envision c_____

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

4. Ask for w_____

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

⁸ *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

5. Be confident in your h_____ position

⁹ But let the brother of humble circumstances glory in his high position;

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

¹¹ 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_____

¹² 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_____

¹³ 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.

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

¹⁵ 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_____

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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**

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

²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

²¹ 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**

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

²³ 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;

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

²⁵ 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.