

James 1 - The Futility of this World System Pt.2

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James 1:9-12

9 Let the brother of **LOW DEGREE REJOICE** in that **HE IS EXALTED**:

10 But the rich, **IN THAT HE IS MADE LOW**: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with A **BURNING HEAT**, but it **withereth the grass**, and the **flower thereof falleth**, and **the grace** (*comeliness, beauty*) **of the fashion** (*face*) **of it perisheth: so also shall THE RICH MAN FADE AWAY in his ways.**

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Trials teach us the vanity of building and clinging to what we can't keep and forfeiting what can never be taken away.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, **ALL WAS VANITY** (*delusion, vapor driven away, emptiness*) and **VEXATION OF SPIRIT**, (*longing, striving, grasping, feeding after wind*) and **THERE WAS NO PROFIT UNDER THE SUN.**

1 John 2:15-17

15 **LOVE NOT THE WORLD**, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, **THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.**

16 For all that is in the world, **THE LUST OF THE FLESH**, and **THE LUST OF THE EYES**, and **THE PRIDE OF LIFE**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And **THE WORLD PASSETH AWAY**, and **THE LUST THEREOF**: but HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD ABIDETH FOR EVER.

1 Peter 2:11

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, which war against the soul.**"

James 2:1-9

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with **RESPECT OF PERSONS.**

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And **YE HAVE RESPECT** (*give special regard, attention or favor to, sight which moves the beholder*), to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 **Are ye not then PARTIAL** (*judge, separate, distinguish*) **in yourselves, and are become JUDGES OF EVIL THOUGHTS?**

5 Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 **But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.**

Genesis 19:1-26

- 1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and **Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;**
- 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.
- 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.
- 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:
- 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? **bring them out unto us, that we may know them.**
- 6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,
- 7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.
- 8 Behold now, **I have two daughters which have not known man;** let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and **do ye to them as is good in your eyes:** only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.
- 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.
- 10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.
- 11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: **so that they wearied themselves to find the door.**
- 12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:
- 13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.
- 14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, **Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.**
- 15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
- 16 **And while he lingered,** the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; **the LORD being merciful unto him:** and **they brought him forth, and set him without the city.**
- 17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, **Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.**
- 18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:
- 19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and **I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:**
- 20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: **Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.**
- 21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.
- 22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.
- 23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.
- 24 **Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;**
- 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.
- 26 **But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.**