

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

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James 1:1–12

1 JAMES, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

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.**

- **low degree** (*tapeinos*) inner lowliness; describing the person who depends on the Lord rather than self; God-reliant rather than self-reliant
- Trials humble the rich in this world by teaching them the vanity of earthly treasures - wealth, security, status, etc.
- Trials exalt the lowly by teaching them the riches of God's eternal treasures.

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.**

1 Peter 1:24–25

24 **For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:**

25 **But THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOREVER**. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Psalm 52:5–8

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, And root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, And shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, **THIS IS THE MAN THAT MADE NOT GOD HIS STRENGTH; But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.**

8 **But I AM LIKE A GREEN OLIVE TREE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**

Psalm 33:16–20

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: A mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, Upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: He is our help and our shield.

2 Corinthians 12:10

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: **FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG.**

ONE OF THE MANY ETERNAL RICHES GAINED THROUGH TRIALS IS LEARNING THE FUTILITY OF THIS WORLD SYSTEM.

- *We are new creatures in Christ, citizens of the Kingdom of God, strangers and foreigners to the earthly, finding no fulfillment, security, pleasure or purpose in this world system.*
- *This world system, operating under satanic control and strategy, continually tries to reclaim us as it's own to restore our earthly citizenship.*
- *This world system seeks to seduce us through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.*
- *Trials teach us the vanity, emptiness and bondage of earthly security or pleasure and compel us to find our life, purpose and fulfillment in Christ alone.*
- *Trials teach us the vanity of building and clinging to what we can't keep and forfeiting what can never be taken away.*

Matthew 6:19–21

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon **EARTH**, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in **HEAVEN**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, **THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.**

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

10 When thou hast eaten and art full, **THEN THOU SHALT BLESS THE LORD THY GOD** for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 **BEWARE THAT THOU FORGET NOT THE LORD THY GOD**, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 **THEN THINE HEART BE LIFTED UP**, and **THOU FORGET THE LORD THY GOD**, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 **AND THOU SAY IN THINE HEART, MY POWER AND THE MIGHT OF MINE HAND** hath gotten me this wealth.

18 **BUT THOU SHALT REMEMBER THE LORD THY GOD**: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

1 Timothy 6:6-11

6 **BUT GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN.**

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And **HAVING FOOD AND RAIMENT LET US BE THEREWITH CONTENT.**

9 **BUT THEY THAT WILL BE RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION AND A SNARE, AND INTO MANY FOOLISH AND HURTFUL LUSTS**, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: **WHICH WHILE SOME COVETED AFTER, THEY HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.**

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

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 and VEXATION OF SPIRIT, and THERE WAS NO PROFIT UNDER THE SUN.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **FEAR GOD, and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.**

14 **FOR GOD SHALL BRING EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT**, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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.**