

## James 1 - Responding to Trials

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### James 1:13-20

13 **LET NO MAN SAY** when he is tempted, **I AM TEMPTED OF GOD**: for God cannot be tempted with evil, **NEITHER TEMPTETH HE ANY MAN**:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is **DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST**, and **enticed**.

15 Then when lust hath **conceived**, it **bringeth forth sin**: and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death**.

16 **DO NOT ERR**, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

18 Of his own will **BEGAT HE US WITH THE WORD OF TRUTH**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be **swift to hear**, **slow to speak**, **slow to wrath**:

20 For **THE WRATH OF MAN WORKETH NOT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**.

#### RESPONDING TO TRIALS:

1. *Don't blame God for the temptations that emerge during trials.*
2. *Don't excuse your sins committed during trials.*
3. *Temptations come from our own lust, not from the circumstances. However, circumstances provide opportunities for our lusts to manifest.*
4. *Father's will is that we are begotten with the Word of truth, so we are like Him and don't sin. God expects us to have a godly response no matter how bad the circumstances.*
5. *Do not become angry or strike back in anger during trials; that's not responding in righteousness.*

#### RESPONDING TO TRIALS:

##### Philippians 4:10-13

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: **FOR I HAVE LEARNED, IN WHATSOEVER STATE I'M IN, THEREWITH TO BE CONTENT** (*self-sufficient, satisfied, independent*).

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: **EVERY WHERE AND IN ALL THINGS I AM INSTRUCTED** both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 **I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME**.

*Circumstances DO NOT define me, my disposition nor my future. In Christ I am independent and self-sufficient from circumstances.*

### **1 Corinthians 10:1-11**

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.
- 5 **But with many of them God was not well pleased: for THEY WERE OVERTHROWN IN THE WILDERNESS.**
- 6 **NOW THESE THINGS WERE OUR EXAMPLE,** to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.
- 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.
- 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.
- 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.
- 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

### **SUFFERING IS NO EXCUSE FOR SIN (self-gratification)**

*"Because I am in these circumstances, I deserve, and no one will blame me, for indulging my selfish lusts. God put me in this situation, what else does His expect?"*

### **1 Corinthians 10:6-8**

- 6 **Now these things were our example, TO THE INTENT WE SHOULD NOT LUST AFTER EVIL THINGS, AS THEY ALSO LUSTED.**
- 7 **NEITHER BE YE IDOLATERS,** as were some of them; as it is written, **The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.**
- 8 **NEITHER LET US COMMIT FORNICATION,** as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

### **Exodus 32:1**

"And when the people saw that **Moses delayed to come down out of the mount,** the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; **FOR AS FOR THIS MOSES, THE MAN THAT BROUGHT US UP OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, WE WOT NOT WHAT IS BECOME OF HIM.**"

**Exodus 32:6**

"And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play."

**SUFFERING IS NO EXCUSE FOR ACCUSATION OR BLAME-SHIFTING**

*"I am in these circumstances because of the ill-intent of God or this other person."*

**James 1:13** "Let no man say when he is tempted, I AM TEMPTED OF GOD..."

**Genesis 3:12**

"And the man said, THE WOMAN WHOM THOU GAVEST TO BE WITH ME, SHE GAVE ME of the tree, and I did eat."

**Numbers 21:5-7**

5 And THE PEOPLE SPAKE AGAINST GOD, and AGAINST MOSES, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt TO DIE IN THE WILDERNESS? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And THE LORD SENT FIERY SERPENTS among the people, and THEY BIT THE PEOPLE; and MUCH PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DIED.

**SUFFERING IS NO EXCUSE FOR COMPLAINING OR SELF-PITY**

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**1 Kings 19:4**

"But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and HE REQUESTED FOR HIMSELF THAT HE MIGHT DIE; and said, IT IS ENOUGH; NOW, O LORD, TAKE AWAY MY LIFE; for I am not better than my fathers."

**1 Kings 19:10**

"And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, EVEN I ONLY, AM LEFT; and they seek my life, to take it away."

**Philippians 2:13-15**

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without MURMURINGS and DISPUTINGS:

15 That ye may be **BLAMELESS** and **HARMLESS**, the sons of God, **WITHOUT REBUKE**, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

#### **SUFFERING IS NO EXCUSE FOR REVENGE**

##### **1 Thessalonians 5:14-15**

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 **SEE THAT NONE RENDER EVIL FOR EVIL UNTO ANY MAN; but EVER FOLLOW THAT WHICH IS GOOD, BOTH AMONG YOURSELVES, and TO ALL MEN.**

##### **Matthew 5:43-45**

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 **But I say unto you, LOVE your enemies, BLESS them that curse you, DO GOOD to them that hate you, and PRAY for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

45 **That ye may be the CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER** which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

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