

Lesson 3 - James 1:1-12

Trials in Our Lives (2-4)	Wisdom from God (5-11)
<p>Why trial?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - trials produce endurance - Proving who and what we are - Endurance #G5281 - hypomone - cheerful or hopeful endurance, steadfastness - Brings about your maturity - complete - brought to a point of full age - Every test increases our strength and the quality of our faith OR it can become a temptation or an invitation of evil in our lives <p>Believer's Responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider it joy - be thankful that God is giving you the opportunity to grow - Let God work in your life - the trial do its job <p>John 16:33 - Jesus wants us to have peace - but in the world there are tribulations - Jesus has overcome the world</p> <p>Ro 5:3-5 - exult in the tribulations - perseverance - proven character - hope that doesn't disappoint</p> <p>I Cor 10:13 - you experience what others have already gone through - God is faithful - give you a way of escape</p> <p>I Pe 1:6-9 - greatly rejoice - because our faith is the salvation of our souls - but it will be proven by our endurance which will bring praise, honor, and glory to Jesus</p> <p>I Pe 4:12-14 - to the extent we suffer we will be exalted with Christ</p> <p>I Pe 5:6-10 - humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God - after you suffered for awhile perfect establish, strengthen, and confirm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God gives us generously and without reproach - He will give it to you - Ask in faith - without doubting <p>Ro 11:33-36 - He has the depth of wisdom and knowledge</p> <p>Dan 2:20-23 - In Him is all wisdom - He gives to those He desires</p> <p>Job 12:13, 16 - in Him are wisdom and might, counsel and understanding</p> <p>Is 9:6 - He governs the governments of this earth</p> <p><u>Asking in Faith</u></p> <p>He 11:1 - assurance of things hoped for, conviction of things not seen</p> <p>He 11:6- without faith it is impossible to please God - we must believe that He is, and He is a rewarder of those who seek Him</p> <p>Mt 7:7-11 - if we ask, God will give (according to His will - James 4:1-4)</p> <p>Mk 11:22-24 - all the things you pray for, you ask, you believe, you will receive (if you ask according to His will)</p>

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Trusting in Riches (9-11)	The Blessed	Crowns
<p>Poor - of humble circumstances Glory in his high position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the circumstances could be trials - Have nothing in the world - but they have everything in God - Ro 8:17-18 - heirs with Christ, suffering at this time doesn't compare with the glory to come - I Pe 1:4 - receive and inheritance that is imperishable reserved in heaven <p>Rich man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - glory in humiliation - He will pass away - If the rich man is pursuing his riches on earth - he will fade away - He needs to trust in God alone and not in riches - we aren't to boast of ourselves (I Cor 1:26-31) <p>Poor within the body of Christ Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35 - there was not a needy person in the body of Christ!</p> <p>Keep in perspective that what we have is God given and He may ask us to give it to someone else</p>	<p>Blessed - #G3107 - makarios - to be fully satisfied</p> <p>Persevere - #G5278 - hypomeno - to remain under the circumstances, to endure or sustain a load of miseries, adversities, persecutions, or provocations in faith and patience</p> <p>Approved - #G1384 - dokimos - to be tried as metal is tried by fire and thus purified - being proved as acceptable in the furnace of adversity</p> <p>Mt 5:10-12</p> <p>Lk 6:20-25</p> <p>We persevere because we know what God has promised to those who love Him</p>	<p>When do we get them? I Cor 3:10-15 II Cor 5:10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judgment seat of Christ <p>What do we do with them? Rev 3:11 - hold fast to them Rev 4:10-11 - casting their crowns before the throne of God</p> <p>What are the crowns? Ja 1:12 - crown of life (Rev 2:10) I Cor 9:24-27 - imperishable crown II Tim 4:8 - crown of righteousness I Pe 5:1-4 - unfading crown of glory I Thes 2:13-20 - crown of exultation</p>