

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 5

Read James 1:12 – 15

Introduction: James had pointed out that trials would benefit both rich and poor *and* the middle class. Trials will remind the poor that they are rich in the Lord and therefore can lose nothing. Trials will also remind the rich that they dare not live for riches or to trust in them alone, but to trust in the Lord. We do not like going through trials but it's in these times of testing God will build and mature our character in Christ. I've heard it said, "*There are no crown wearers in Heaven that were not cross bearers on earth*" The pain, suffering and hardship on earth is not forgotten for God will give us a crown of life if we are faithful to endure.

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1. According to James 1:12 why should we have a joyful attitude as we face trials?

The word *blessed* means *oh how happy!*

Oh how happy is the man who endures temptation...

Jesus used this same word *blessed* = *Oh how happy* in the Beatitudes

- Please complete the following beatitudes Jesus taught in Matthew 5:1 – 12:

"Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,

Blessed *are* those who mourn,

Blessed *are* the meek,

Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

Blessed *are* the merciful,

Blessed *are* the pure in heart,

Blessed *are* the peacemakers,

Oh how happy are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

“Oh how happy are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad,

- What did Jesus want us to understand as we are living in this world according to Matthew 5:12 – 13 and John 16:33?

- Where did Jesus say I would specifically find peace?

2. According to James 1:12 what has the Lord *promised those who love Him*?
- According to John 14:23 – 24 how do we know that we love Him?

 - What are some other evidences of our love for Him and His love for us according to 1 John 4:7 – 21?
 - What is the overall theme in the verses above?
3. According to James 1:13 what are the two most important things we must have an understanding of when we are being tempted?
- 1)

 - 2)
4. Where does temptation come from according to James 1:14?
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5. When *desire has conceived* what does it give birth to according to James 1:15?

- According to James 4:17 what is the definition of *sin*?
- What is another definition of *sin* according to 1 John 3:4 – 10?
- Romans chapter 3 says the whole world is guilty before God. How can I stand in righteousness before the Lord according to Romans 3:20 – 28 and Romans 4:5 – 8?

6. When *sin is full-grown* what does it produce according to James 1:15 and Romans 6:23?

- What understanding do we learn about sin, death and God's grace according to Romans 5:12 – 21?
- According to Romans 6:11 – 18 and 2 Corinthians 5:14 – 15, 21 as a man of God how should I be living?