

Test: James 1:4

Let Patience Have Her

Perfect Work

Book of James is a universal epistle. To God's entire body. James was the first shepherd of Jerusalem's Messianic community & the Lord's half brother. Received a special post resurrection appearance to become a believer (1 Cor. 15:7). Oldest book in N.T. 45-50 AD. Called the Proverbs of the N.T. Written primarily to Messianic Jews, scattered outside Israel.

God tempts no one. Satan is the tempter. God does test & refine.

U2- Trials are God's way of testing our faith. God always tests the faith of God's children through trials. Be joyful (v2). Rejoice because trials are proof of divine ownership. God doesn't test the faith of the ungod. They have none to test. These tests confirm our sonship relationship to the Father. Examp Abraham + Rahab. The only time to be concerned in life is when the Lord is not trying you.

U3- Testing produces endurance - Only through testing of faith, can we become manna for God. Hab 12:2. Endurance is the key to victory. Tests are designed to help you finish your believing race. If we forsake this spiritual journey, we will drop out. God is helping us to measure our progress. Tests enable us to measure our progress in the race, & to measure how much further the race is.

If we run from tests to avoid suffering we will miss God's will & not receive the ~~patience~~ patience to finish the race.

Testing produces experience and builds faith, in God's victorious track record. Endurance & patience result from test.

4- 2 Tim 4:7 - Paul never ran from his trials & tests. They prepared him to accept prison as an important part of his ministry.

Without his prison trials he would not have major parts of the Bible. Not running from the trials of believing life (2 Tim 4:8), will allow you to enter into your grand inheritance. (The crown of righteousness).

Testing produces perfect & complete results. (Matt 24:13).

Patience is the answer to inheriting the crown. But unfortunately ~~patience~~ patience can only be acquired by tests.

Endurance - ἡσυχία - means cheerfulness, continence, waiting.

If you cheerful in the Lord you'll be complete through testing.
Luke 21:9 - Through endurance you will gain 2oe (God's life).

Close - v.5 - If anyone does not have God's understanding about God's testing & the reasons for the trials, or lacks God's perspective on your testing, or it's necessity for the trials, just ask the Lord who will not rebuke your ignorance rather he will give to you liberal wisdom & revelation knowledge. God is willing to give you an eternal perspective.

Don't run from your trials, rather get heavenly wisdom from the Lord about them. Phil 1:6.

Close - v.12. Those who endure trials are blessed not only to receive the crown of righteousness, but also the crown of life. Those who love Him will learn to love his trials.