

T H E B O O K O F

JAMES

F A I T H I N M O T I O N



“A BIGGER PICTURE OF THE PEOPLE
TRIED and THE PROCESS OF TRIALS”

James 1:5-18



INTRODUCTION

“A PUZZLE IN THE DARK”

James 1:5-18

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James 1:2-3

And let endurance have its perfect result,
that you may be mature and complete,
lacking in nothing.

James 1:4



PERSPECTIVE TO GAIN

Trials Bring Joy

Trials Endured Produce Maturity

James 1:2-4

A Resource for Trials: Wisdom

A. Wisdom – “Seeing life and ourselves from God’s perspective and acting in cooperation with His will and ways.”

B. Ask for it

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C. Ask expecting to receive (without doubting)

D. Ask with the intention of follow through... seeking it is part of the process

II. The Right Assessment and Reward for Trials Successfully Finished, vv. 9-12

A. The Poor – James 2:5; Matt. 19:16-30

The Principle of the Last Being First

B. The Rich - Pursuing True Riches and an Unshakable Fortune, 1 Timothy 6:17-

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C. Each has a Test to Pass

D. Each can pass their Test and be Rewarded

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1. The Crown Which is Life – Abundant Life
2. The abundant life is abundant because it is Christ's life inside us.

Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21; Col. 1:27

III. A Reactionary Response to God When We Fail the Test, vv. 13-16

A. We get angry – we blame and misjudge God’s character

B. “Let me clarify this...” – Here’s how sin works

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C. Lured and
Drawn Out by
our own Desires



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D. A Seed Sown, Germinated, Fully
Grown, Reaped

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Sow a Thought—Reap an Action

Sow and Action—Reap a Habit

Sow a Habit—Reap a Character

Sow a Character—Reap a Legacy/Destiny

IV. A Right Understanding of God's Character and Purposes for Trials, VV.17-18

A. Trials are a Good Thing and a Perfecting Gift – they Help us Look Like Him

B. They Dignify Our Holy Calling and High Standing as His New Creation