

KEY TRUTH

Our attitude and m_____ as we go through trials and suffering in our life gives evidence of true salvation or not.

- In chapter 1, James addressed the p_____ of trials in the Christian’s life...In chapter 5, he returns to the subject again to address the attitude and mindset Christians should adopt while going through a trial or hardship in this life.

“Could You Hurry A Little?”

“O Dear God, ‘When will there be only goodness?’
After centuries of war, greed, and lust
After indulgences shamelessly practiced
After hatred, hostility, jealousy, and abuse
Murder and martyrdom, crime and cruelty, curses and rebellion
After whimpering cries from starving children
After tragedy and catastrophe
Loneliness and despair
At last..... at long last
‘There will be only goodness.’
O Dear Lord
Your promise is your guarantee
But please hurry it up a little!”

We live in a sinful, fallen world; therefore....

1. Christians will face t_____ in this life.

Job 5: 7 “Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.”

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace; in this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Acts 14:22 “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”

Christians must also face p_____ for the cause of Jesus Christ.

2 Tim 3:12 “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

2. Christians will go through painful c_____.

- The question is not IF trouble will come....but how must we, as Christians, respond when we are in the middle of it. James warns us about losing our patience due to our circumstances.

“Patience”: James uses two different Greek words for patience in these verses

#1- *Patient*”: In James 5: 7-8, 10; patience in reference to people

#2- "Persevered": verse 11; to remain under; speaks of endurance under great stress; patience in reference to conditions, situations, and circumstances

Patience: "to stay put and stand fast when you'd like to run away"

HOW DO CHRISTIANS PATIENTLY ENDURE TRIALS IN THIS LIFE?

1. We endure trials patiently by anticipating the Lord's r_____ . (vv.7-9)

- "Coming"(Parousia): appears more than 500 times in the Bible; means more than just coming but also "presence/arrival"
- Mentioned three times in verses 7,8,9

2. We endure trials patiently by remembering the Lord' j_____ . (v.9)

- Bema S_____ : 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3: 13-15

3. We endure trials patiently by following Biblical e_____ of patience. (v.10)

4. We endure trials patiently by recognizing the Lord's broad p_____ for our life. (v.11b)

Purpose of Job's Trials:

- a. T_____ Job's Faith: James 1: 2-4
- b. Prove Job's Faith is genuine.
- c. Thwart Satan's attempt to destroy f_____
- d. S_____ Job's faith and enable him to see God more clearly

"I hope in some way I can take my wheelchair to heaven. With my new glorified body I will stand up on resurrected legs, and I will be next to the Lord Jesus. And I will feel those nail prints in his hand and I will say, 'Thank you, Jesus' He will know I mean it, because he will recognize me from the inner sanctum of sharing in the fellowship of his sufferings. And then I will say, 'Lord, Jesus, do you see that wheelchair over there? Well, you were right. When you put me in it, it was a lot of trouble. But the weaker I was in that thing, the harder I leaned on you. And the harder I leaned on you, the stronger I discovered you to be. I do not think I would ever have known the glory of your grace were it not for the weakness of that wheelchair. So, thank you, Lord Jesus for that. Now, if you like, you can send that thing off to hell!"
Joni Erikson Tada

5. We endure trials patiently by remembering the Lord's c_____ . (v.11c)

1 Peter 5: 7 "Cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you."

Psalms 30:5 "For His anger is for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning."