

Bible Study 03-26-2025
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"God Never Fails"

James 1:1-7 KJV

1 *James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.*

James (**Galatians** 1:19), does not refer to himself as the Lord's brother, but as "a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ". To be a servant of God is the highest and most honored position in all the world. James wrote to believers worldwide.

Call to remembrance: **Matthew** 28:19-20, **Mark** 16:15, **Acts** 1:8

2 *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, various trials or testing. Each trial should be viewed as an opportunity to learn and grow in grace. How? Remember the Lord is always with you. Pray without ceasing. Study His Word to become more like Him. Carry a song of inspiration in your heart: Fred Hammond "No Weapon formed against me shall prosper." Sounds of Blackness "Hold On, Change is Coming".*

Put on the whole armour of God daily: **Ephesians 6:13**

2 Corinthians 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

1 Peter 3:14 *But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

1 Peter 4:14 *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God, resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified.*

3 *Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

James 1:12 *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.*

There is a bigger picture than the troubles we face in that moment of testing. The purpose behind the suffering. Our faith must be steadfast and our patience should be active and confident. Your patience becomes mature in the face of adversity when we act in love.

4 *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

One who consistently works to overcome sinful behaviors and attitudes.

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

The Father's perfection is our continuing standard.

5 *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

Wisdom is needed in order to come through the trials of life in a way that leads to spiritual maturity.

Proverbs 2:3-6

6 *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

Having no doubt. It is critical to ask in faith. Here James illustrates the danger of doubt by comparing a doubter to a wave of the sea as driven by wind.

7 *For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.*

8 *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

Have faith in God. Trust and believe. There is nothing too hard for God. He is the only true source of all that is good. Seek His wisdom and guidance in all matters. **God never fails.**

Habakkuk 3:17-18, 2 Corinthians 13:5, Psalm 73:26