

JAMES

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James 1:2-8, 12

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “trials”?
2. Recall a time when you went through a trial. (Are you willing to share it?) How did you feel at the time? How did you react to it?
3. What does James identify as the (first) response to a trial (v. 2)? What does this suggest? What does this *not* mean?
4. What is the next response to a trial and how is this helpful (v. 3)?

What is God working on, or what is He working at, in your trial? (What is under construction?)

What is the value in endurance?

5. What is the next response to a trial (v. 4)? How is it an act of the will?

What is the intended result of endurance? What does that mean? (This may require a little additional study.)

6. What is the final response to a trial identified by James (v. 5)?

How is this to be done and what is God's response (vv. 6-7)?

What is God's response if this is *not* done? What does that say about this individual?

7. What is the outcome for endurance/perseverance under trial (v. 12)? (What are the ABCs?)

What is "the crown of life"? (This may require a little additional study.)

How does Romans 8:28 correlate with v. 12?

8. Recall, again, the trial that came to mind in question 1. How was it resolved? Did you see any benefit to your faith in hindsight?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. To prepare for coming trials, I will cultivate an accompanying attitude of joy this week by . . .
2. To prepare for coming trials, I will ask God for wisdom this week by . . .