

James 1:4-12

Triumph is in the Trouble Genuine faith proves itself in times of trouble

- A Submissive Will v. 4
 - Let, requires a willing heart, one who knows the trial is being used by God for a purpose
 - Completion/equipping is the purpose, *holokleros*, to be fully developed, whole, entirely whole *teleios*
 - wholly developed into Christlikeness
 - Jeremiah 48:11; Gen. 22:2; Heb. 11:17-19
- A Believing Heart v. 5-8
 - Wisdom is required to go through the trial
 - Wisdom is available in abundance
 - Wisdom must be sought (ask)
 - Wisdom sought without full belief is pernicious and more typical of the unbeliever
 - Proverbs 3:5-7; James 3:17, Job 28:12-23; Jer. 29:11-13
- A Humble Spirit v. 9-11
 - The poor should take pride in their riches through Christ
 - The rich should take on the humiliation of trials as a learning opportunity to see the transitory nature of all material things
 - 1 Peter 1:24, Heb. 4:16; Phil. 4:19
- The Reward for perseverance v. 12
 - Blessed *makarios*
 - Approval comes at the finish line when crowns are given, which is the goal for all perseverance