Say Thank You Jesus Types of Prayer Part 10

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Scriptures

James 1:1-8 AMP Nehemiah 8:10 NIV Psalm 139:16 ESV Psalm 116:3 NIV 1 John 5:14-15 ESV



James 1:1-8 AMP

James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve [Hebrew] tribes [scattered abroad among the Gentiles] in the dispersion: Greetings (rejoice)!

Consider it nothing but joy [great pleasure, happiness], my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace]. And let endurance have its perfect result and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfect and completely developed [in your faith], lacking in nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him. But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind. For such a person ought not to think or expect that he will receive anything [at all] from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable and restless in all his ways [in everything he thinks, feels, or decides].

What is Joy? (Psalm 139:16 ESV)

• Joy is not based on circumstances; rather, it is eternal and constant, grounded in the truth that God is on the throne.

How Do We Get Joy?

Nehemiah 8:10 ...the joy of the Lord is your strength. Joy comes from the Lord.

- · Spend time reading the word of God.
- · Spend time mediating and studying the word of God
- · Spend time in praise and worship
- Spend time in prayer: prayer is not a monologue but a dialog where we listen to what God is saying to us.

When You Fall into Trails

• Fall: [move downward typically rapidly] into these kinds of trouble [afflictions, persecution].

- King David: Psalm 116:3 The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
- These trails come to test our faith our spiritual maturity. Are we ready for what is next.

Endurance Have Its Perfect Work

- Enduring: staying the course in the midst of a difficult process or situation
- David
- King Saul tried to pin him to a wall with a spear (1 Samuel 18:10-11)
- King Saul sent him on dangerous missions hoping he would die (1 Samuel 18:17-25)
- King Saul ordered his men to kill David (1 Samuel 19)
- King Saul gives David's wife Michal to another man (1 Samuel 25:44)

Ask for Wisdom

• Wisdom: knowing how to apply the knowledge God has already given us.

Double Minded (1John 5:14-15 ESV)

• Double Minded in the greek is *dipsuchos* it means a person with two minds or souls.

Worship: When you enter the test, seek the Lord and give thanks.

Learn: When you are in the midst of the test, listen for the word of the Lord and give thanks.

Serve: When you are coming out of the test, serve the Lord with what you have learned and give thanks.