

James: A Faith that Walks – True/False Salvation Revealed (1:5-12)

1. The False Christian Revealed (1:5-12)

- A. Double-minded man - _____ God in trials (*2Tim3:12-14; Hab2:4*)
1. doubt: Gk. means to dispute, debate; argue w/ God and His will, doubting His love and character, they don't trust God **Ja1:18-22; 2Tim3:7,9*
 2. double-minded: 2 souls, 2 minds; a hypocrite, riding the fence, trying to obey God and love the world; when faced w/ trial and obeying God, will back away; follow feelings, culture
 3. wave of sea – up and down, tossed, driven by emotion, culture, *the trial drives them* up and down like a wave, no stability, no rest, no joy, *don't obey God's word and trust Him*
- B. Trust in _____, things of the world, doesn't see "humiliation" (*1Jn2:15-17,19; Lk6:21-26*)
1. fake, trusts wealth, the culture and ways of the world over Word in a trial; self-centered, God is there to bless me and my pursuits; he rejoices in stuff, mind of world, not God **Phil3:18,19*
- C. _____/fades away, as grass and flowers fade and die, so this one dies still pursuing stuff; *Ja5:1-3,5*

2. The True Christian Revealed (1:2-12) *How can true faith endure and not fall away?

- A. Single-minded _____ the Lord: *Jer17:5-8; Hab3:16-19*
1. Knows God is sovereign over all trials; and I am His slave, He owns me – bought w/ the precious blood of Christ; and He infinitely loves me and is for me – therefore trusts God fully!
 2. So, has a joyous attitude(vs.2); understands what God is doing(vs.2-4) and submits to God's will, doesn't fight God, but submits to His will and asks Him for wisdom! *See vs.4,5, "let"*
- B. Trusts God/His _____ joy, seeing his "**high position**" – God is making complete (vs.2-4; *Ja2:5*)
1. See wealth and inheritance in heaven, holds to what is eternal! **2Cor4:16-18*
 2. Asks God, believes is generous, for wisdom on the trial, in midst of trial – key!
 3. God gives wisdom through His Word; we pray, seeking, crying out, looking to His Word!
**Prov2:1-6...starts w/ _____ God's Word, He gives wisdom!*
**2Tim3:16-17...makes us _____ for all good works*
**2Tim2:8-10...can't be _____/stopped, no matter what you're going through!*
**Prov.30:5-6...tested, _____ failed!... Rom1:16... _____ for sanctification!*
 4. God will *initiate*(vs.2,3) and bring/reveal **3 things** to the forefront, as we do this: *Ex.3:1-10*
**He reveals _____ (vs.6) 2. He reveals His _____ (vs.7-8) 3. He reveals His _____ (vs.10)*
 5. God does this through all Scripture, and still today: then, we are immediately put into a crisis of belief/test of faith – what will I do now?! _____
- C. _____ to death – he perseveres/endures and then passes the test/approved and rewarded!
1. This applies to each test(*Jn14:21*), and then ultimately w/ our glorification(*Ja1:12*)
 2. It is difficult/tests your faith; we struggle, but have joy because we KNOW whom we have believed and entrusted our souls too! **2Tim1:12!!! *Ps119:71; Rom5:1-5*

**Lam3:52-58 – _____, but trusts in the Lord and endures the waves of trials*

**Is12:1-6 – comes forth in _____, knowing the Lord deeper, proclaiming His salvation!*

**Psalm40:1-3 – God's work thru the trial puts _____ in his heart!!!*