

**THE BOOK OF JAMES**  
**James 1:9-18**  
**Rooted**  
**Changed Mindset**



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**Today's Culture Is Shifting More To Individual "Rights And Privileges" That Shifts Responsibility To Blame. This Shift Feeds An Ego Driven Personality That Is Contrary To God's Design.**



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## James 1:9–18

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.



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## James 1:9–18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



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### James 1:9–18

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.



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### Snapshot

Authorship – James

- Younger half brother of Jesus
- Did not believe Jesus is Messiah until after the resurrection
- Pastor of the Jerusalem church

Date Written – Early AD40's

Audience – The Church Scattered

- Persecuted by Jews
- Persecuted by Romans



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11

### Biblical Success Not Human Success

- Humility
  - Contrary to natural desire - Philippians 2:3-4  
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11

### Biblical Success Not Human Success

- Humility
  - Contrary to natural desire - Philippians 2:3-4
  - Consider others as Christ example
    - Compassion to the world
    - Son of God as servant (Philippians 2:5-8)



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11

### Biblical Success Not Human Success

- Humility
- Exaltation
  - Adopted – Romans 8:15
  - Redeemed – Romans 3:21-26
  - Holy Spirit abiding – John 14:12-14
  - Permanent blessing - 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.




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### James 1:9-11 (Amplified Bible)

9 Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position [as a born-again believer, called to the true riches and to be an heir of God]; 10 and the rich man *is to glory* in being humbled [by trials revealing human frailty, knowing true riches are found in the grace of God], for like the flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; its flower falls off and its beauty fades away; so too will the rich man, in the midst of his pursuits, fade away.



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11

### Biblical Success Not Human Success

- Humility
- Exaltation
- Faith refined
  - Various trials – James 1:2
  - Endurance essential – James 1:3
  - Faith absolute – James 1:6; 1 Peter 1:7
  - Wisdom pursued – James 1:5
  - Character stands – James 1:4; Romans 5:1-5



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11

### Biblical Success Not Human Success

#### Human Success

- Personal achievements
- Financial status
- Positions of authority
- Loving the world not God

1 John 2:15–17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11


Biblical Success Not Human Success

Human Success

- Personal achievements
- Financial status
- Positions of authority
- Loving the world not God
- Ideas of others not God

Matthew 7:26–27

And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11

Biblical Success Not Human Success

Human Success

Consider The End Results

- Personal riches will come to an end – humiliation
- Flowers and grass – beautiful for the moment



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## HEART REACTION vs. 9-11

Biblical Success Not Human Success

Human Success

Consider The End Results

Issue In The Church

- First century persecution led to poverty
  - Churches scattered sent support to the church in Jerusalem – 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
- Modern church
  - Using business model for success
  - Caving into the self-identified
  - Anchor in God's design



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## HEART ACTION vs. 12-15

Blessed

- Living with God's favorable approval – Matthew 5:10-12
- Peace of God – John 14:27; Romans 5:1
- Living the abundant life – John 10:10



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## HEART ACTION vs. 12-15

Blessed

Rooted

- Focused on the prize while recognizing the conflict
- Steadfast – enduring
  - Marathon not a sprint – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
  - Victory already won – 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
  - Established – Matthew 7:24-25; Luke 8:4-8



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## HEART ACTION vs. 12-15

Blessed

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Trials

- God's refinement of faith and character
- Various types of trials
- Rewarded steadfast living – 1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 4:4
- Faithfulness honors God as faith grows
- Faltering is moving from God's plan equates to sinfulness



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## HEART ACTION vs. 12-15

Blessed

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Trials

Temptations

- God does not and cannot tempt
  - Character of God is holy – sinless
- Human nature is sinful – Romans 5:12-14
- Satan is our adversary – Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8,9



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## HEART ACTION vs. 12-15

Blessed


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Trials

Temptations

Dangerous Desires

- Desires to follow personal pursuit instead of God
- Desires becomes actions
- Sin – disobey God's commands
- Sin leads to death – Romans 6:23



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## HEART ANCHOR vs. 16-18

## Caring Heart

- “Brothers” – James is expressing personal experience of his writings
- James is writing to the church



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## HEART ANCHOR vs. 16-18

## Caring Heart

## Every Good Gift Comes From God

- Right and appropriate
  - God is love
  - God is all knowing
- Trials as gift
  - Trials go faith
  - Trials go enduring character



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## HEART ANCHOR vs. 16-18

Caring Heart

Every Good Gift Comes From God

Truths About God

- Father of all lights – in Him there is no darkness
- No variation – God is immutable (unchanging)
- No change or shifts – culture changes, God does not
- He created from truth
- Conquered victorious over sin and death



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Is Your Character Being Shaped By God?



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