

The Book of James Feb 15, 2025

James 1:9-11

Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

How do we handle being put to the test?

A mature Christian responds to trial...

- With a surrendered will
- A seeking heart
- A Biblical perspective, what we are and who we have in Christ, not just our STUFF, materialism or wealth and riches

Lowly - less fortunate, cast down, not much to offer, not belonging, a feeling of your place in life.

We become lowly when we become fixated on our current circumstances.

Brother - a fellow believer, one who has experienced salvation

As the world dividends, James shows us how God unites.

Glory - to rejoice, be glad, to boast

Exaltation - improvement, spiritual wealth

Remember who you are and how rich you are in Christ!

- Romans 3:24
- Romans 8:1
- Romans 8:2
- 1 Corinthians 1:2
- 1 Corinthians 1:3
- 1 Corinthians 5:17
- 1 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Corinthians 15:22
- Galatians 3:28

- Ephesians 1:3
- Ephesians 1:4
- Ephesians 1:5-6
- Ephesians 1:7
- Ephesians 10-11
- Ephesians 1:13
- Ephesians 2:6
- Ephesians 2:10
- Ephesians 2:13
- Ephesians 3:6
- Ephesians 3:12
- Ephesians 5:29-30
- Colossians 2:10
- Colossians 2:11
- 2 Timothy 2:10

Rich - better off, lacking no material items

Jesus calls riches deceitful and is a reminder not to put your trust in earthly things. Don't trust your STUFF.

It's important to have a heavenly perspective during earthly trials. These trials are of this life, not eternal ones.

The rich man will fade away.

What are you pursuing?

Do you have a Biblical and eternal perspective?

What is your focus in this life?

What has your attention?