

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

Trials & Theological Amnesia (Part 1)

James 1:2-12

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To live wisely in trials, believers must remember truths of Scripture.

In verses 2-12, James reminds us of 4 truths that we must remember to live wisely in trials.

- 1. In trials we must remember that God providentially uses trials to strengthen our faith (v2-4).**

- 2. In trials we must remember that God has the wisdom we're lacking (v5-8).**

3. In trials we must remember to celebrate our eternal position in Christ (v9-11).

4. In trials we must remember that God's future reward to those who endure trials is a sure promise (v12).

Book Recommendation

Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts by Jerry Bridges

Questions to Consider

1. What is God's providence? Is God's providence a source of comfort for you as you go through trials?
2. What is God's divine purpose for trials? Have you experienced this in your own life?
3. Do you think that you can ask God "one too many times"? How does James encourage us to pray?
4. What warning does James give in verses 6-8 about prayer? What does this look like to respond in this way?
5. How should knowing what Christians will receive in the future (v12) affect our view of suffering? What stops us viewing our lives like this?
6. What is attractive about being able to consider trials with "pure joy"? How is this a strong witness to those around us?