

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

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A quick reminder of where we are...

- Times of testing require God's help... (5,6)
 - God acts with Scripture, Spirit and Grace
 - Humble receive help, proud get opposed
- 7-10 contains 10 aorist imperative verbs:
 1. *hupotasso* put under, subject, submit (military) to God in all things... foundational!
 2. *anthistemi* set against, oppose, “take a stand” against the deceiver and he runs!
 3. *eggizo* be at hand, approach, draw near and God will do the same

do these things also:

4. *katharizo* purify, purge, make clean
 - As the priests did, to approach God... (Ex 30:19ff)
 - You sinners! Meant to sting and wake them up!
5. *hagnizo* purify, ceremonial or morally
 - 1Pt 1:22; 1Jo 3:3; 2Co 7:1
 - You double-minded (1:8) double affections!
 - All this is our choice...

Call to Empathy (vs 9)

6. *talaiporeo* endure hardships, labor (1x)
7. *pentheo* wail, weep, mourn (2Co 7:10)
8. *klaio* mourn, weep, lament (Lk 19:41)
9. laughter *metastrepho* to mourning; joy to gloom
 - To turn around, change course...
- The call here is that times of temptation are:
 - Not times for joking or ease or care-free living
 - We need to get serious, weep, beg and seek God
 - When this happens to a church... REVIVAL!!!

Full circle...

10.tapeinoo humble, bring low...

- Do it before the Lord, in His presence
- The thing that His Throne will always do...
- By exalting Him
- When you do this, He will put you in your place!
- By His side... more exalted we need???
- When we take temptation seriously, God will lift us up and show us His victory and vindication...
- *HUPERNIKAO!*

William Barclay...

"Only when a man realizes his own ignorance can he ask the guidance of God. Only when a man realizes his own poverty in the things that matter will he pray for the riches of God's grace. Only when a man realizes his weakness in necessary things will he come to draw upon his strength of God. Only when a man realizes that he cannot cope with life by himself will he kneel before the Lord of all good life."