

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

Outline of the Book:

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where we are...

- To Overcome:
 - Be PATIENT!!! Like farmers, hopeful
 - Do not lose heart... strengthen it!!
 - Beware of Complaining/Grumbling
 - Examples in prophets and Job...
- So how do we respond to daily issues?
 - James has something to say on these...
 - Some of the best known verses in his book
 - Is there something more to see? To know?

Circumstances of Life

- We were encouraged not to complain/groan (9)
- “Above all” – this one is important to James...
 - *omnuo* - to affirm, promise, threaten, with an oath
 - “Great Caesar's Ghost” “On my mother’s grave...”
 - Jesus had taught on this also – Mt 5:34-37; 23:16-22
 - We have no power over any of it, heaven or earth
 - Our word should be clear & bonding... yes or no!
 - Peter made this error – Mt 26:69-71
 - We need to be truthful in our words at all times...
 - When we use more words, we come under judgment

A quote:

- **The Jews were wont to split hairs in their use of profanity, and by avoiding God's name imagine that they were not really guilty of this sin, just as professing Christians today use "pious oaths" which violate the prohibition of Jesus.**

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What are you going through?

- *kakopatheo* - to suffer/endure evils/hardships
 - See vs 10... same word, noun form...
 - 2Tim 2:3,9; 4:5 – only other times in NT
 - Let him keep on praying (instead of cursing)
 - *proseuchomai* – to offer/make prayer (pres. imp.)
 - James will use several different words for prayer...
- *euthumeo* - to be of good spirits, to be cheerful
 - Rare word... Acts 27:22,25 – verb in 36
 - *psallo* – twang, pluck strings 1Co 14:15; Ro 15:9; Eph 5:19. "Let him keep on making melody."

More Circumstances...

- *astheneo* - to be weak, feeble, w/o strength, powerless – often used (Mt 10:8) opportunity!
 - Just like in the others... do something!
 - Call the elders!!! *proskaleomai presbuteros* (plural)
 - Aorist imperative – at the point, call!
 - They will anoint (see Mk 6:13) regular word... oil
 - Used internally and externally... not pagan ritual...
 - In the NAME OF THE LORD – He is the healer...
 - This is often missing in prayer anointings
 - But, it does not stop here...

We are not done yet...

- *euche* – 3x, vow (Ac 18:18; 21:23)
 - this puts a whole different spin on what to do!
 - See 1:6 – prayer marked by faith.. As a vow!
 - *sozo* – will save... more than just “healing” (fut. act.)
- More to come...