

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

Outline of the Book:

- Trials and Truth 1:2-27
 - Nature of Trials (2-8)
 - Rejoicing and Enduring (9-12)
 - Origin of Trials (13-18)
 - **Preparations for overcoming (19-27)**
- Problems and Faith 2:1-26
- Words and Wisdom 3:1-18
- Conflicts and Submission 4:1-5:6
- Overcoming 5:7-20

Things to remember: (16-18)

- So far, the nature & purpose of trials
 - Godly trials produce endurance and proven faith
 - And the source of evil trials – our LUSTS! Not God...
- Do not be deceived! (*planao*) – led astray
 - False doctrines, lust teachings, self focus
- Father of Lights – no blinking here! (Ps 27:1)
 - Good things (Ps 84:11)
 - Perfect things
 - Gifts from above

Contrast of births (18)

- The result of sin birthed death (15)
- BUT GOD has other plans in His will for us!
 - God acts deliberately with purpose for us (Jn 1:13)
 - Not conceived of lust, but of the word (*logos*)
 - 2Co 6:7; Col 1:5; Eph 1:13; 2Ti 2:15 – word of truth
 - This contrasts the deceptions of the world (see 16)
 - Firstfruits – those of the first age and we by heritage
 - The inner change – Ep 4:24; Co 3:10; Ti 3:5
 - God looks for new creations and “birthings”

Attitudes & Actions – overcoming!

- This you know? imperative statement – do we?
 - Note: beloved brethren again 16,19 – appeal
- In times like these: Keys to Overcoming!
 1. Quick to hear (*tachus*- 1x) swift, speedy
 - The word/will – no books yet, had to listen!
 2. Slow to begin speaking... take time to think!
 - Too often we talk instead of focusing!
 - Ch 3 will discuss the problems of quick speech...
 3. Slow to anger??? (*orge*) temper, agitation
 - Note: these 3 go together... one helps the other!

Anger of menv(20)

- *orge aner* – man, as opposed to woman
 - Specific of men in anger...
 - This can be as a result of what they hear in the Word
 - This can also be the responses of quick speech
- Why not? BECAUSE it WILL NOT produce...
 - Oh, what a difficult verse for some of us!
 - *katergazomai* – results, brings about, achieve
 - Righteousness at God's level of acceptance... sigh!
 - There are better ways to produce this...

Proper acts

- *apotithemi* – aor. mid. – we have done it
 - Ro 13:12; Ep 4:22,25; Co 3:8; He 12:1; 1Pt 2:1
 - Casting off like a cloak on fire!
 - *rhuparia*, 1x – filthiness, defile, dishonor, “earwax”
 - *kakia* - malice, ill-will, desire to injure, depravity
 - Why would Christians still have this in them? NITC!
- *prautes* - mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit
 - As opposed to the wrath
 - Receive the word(*logos*), from 17-19
 - Implanted, *emphutos*, 1x, ingrown, inborn (thru faith)