
MEDITATION

James has more in mind than the truism “We grow strong through adversity.” He wants us to see the world a certain way. The goal of life is not to find maximum pleasure. Christians do not live for sensual pleasure. Our goal is maturity and endurance, not self-actualization (as popularly understood) and a pain-free life.

As James sees it, God fashions maturity and endurance by means of the trials that befall us. Do we take responsibility and endure, or doubt and blame God? Our response to trials reveals our heart condition. This is the first concern of James’s letter to the Christian Jews under his care. His word about trials, therefore, speaks to more than hospital rooms, flooded farmlands, or unemployment lines. He speaks to all of life when he says, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,” for God brings us to maturity by them. This is James’s first teaching, and it holds for all of life.

Daniel M. Doriani, *James*
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Order of Worship

Sunday, September 27, 2020
Music Leader: Andrew Wittenberg

9:00 & 10:30 AM
Elder: Southy Grinalds

WE GATHER to CORPORATELY WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME, INVOCATION, and CONFESSION

Southy Grinalds

WORSHIP in SONGS of ADORATION and PRAISE

🎵 **Psalm 62**

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My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

*O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God*

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

*O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah hallelujah*

♪ ***Blessed Be Your Name***

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Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

*Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

FELLOWSHIP in MINISTRY

Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade

FELLOWSHIP in PRAYER

Southy Grinalds

WORSHIP IN THE TRUTH of HIS WORD

Real Life Includes Tests

Wayne Lowe

James 1:2-4

WORSHIP in SONGS of RESPONSE

Day By Day

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Day by day and with each passing moment
Strength I find to meet my trials here
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment
I've no cause for worry or for fear
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure
Mingling toil with peace and rest

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid
As your days your strength shall be in measure
This the pledge to me He made

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation
So to trust Your promises O Lord
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Your holy Word
Help me Lord when toil and trouble meeting
E'er to take as from a Father's hand
One by one the days the moments fleeting
Till I reach the Promised Land

♪ ***It Is Well With My Soul***

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When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

BENEDICTION

Andrew Wittenberg