

## WHEN WILL THIS BE OVER?

### *James 1:2-4*

#### I. WHAT CHARACTER TRAIT IS GOD WORKING IN OUR LIVES? *James 1:2*

##### A. WHAT God Works into Our Lives: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Not \_\_\_\_\_, the word used in the old KJV and the NKJV
- 2) The word comes from 2 roots: the prefix means “under” and the root means “to \_\_\_\_\_”
- 3) “To remain under a burden and continue to make progress” like a \_\_\_\_\_ making for port in a storm

##### B. HOW God Works It into Our Lives: we “fall into various trials”

- 1) “Trials” = not internal solicitation to do wrong, but external circumstances that try and \_\_\_\_\_ us
- 2) “Various” = \_\_\_\_\_; the word is used back in the Genesis of Joseph’s coat of many colors
- 3) “Fall” = word used of the man who \_\_\_\_\_ among thieves: it was unexpected and unannounced

#### II. WHY IS GOD WORKING THIS CHARACTER TRAIT INTO OUR LIVES?

##### A. Endurance Proves the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Faith *James 1:3*

- 1) “Testing” (v.3) = testing to see if genuine; for instance, testing \_\_\_\_\_ to see if it is counterfeit
- 2) The doctrine of eternal \_\_\_\_\_ is taught in John 10:28-29: no one can snatch us from His hand
- 3) The other side of the coin is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints: genuinely saved will endure to the end

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Key to Spiritual Maturity *James 1:4*

- 1) “Perfect and complete and lacking nothing” = those who reach the \_\_\_\_\_ God has for them
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ is the secret formula for reaching full spiritual maturity—everything God wants us to be
  - a) Why does God bring someone unlovely into our lives? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Why does God at times seem to abandon us to depression? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Why does God put us under so much pressure that we can’t bear it? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Why has God permitted the pandemic to continue to rage? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) We are all enrolled in God’s college in the same major; it’s not hard, but the course is \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. HOW CAN WE COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING THIS CHARACTER TRAIT?

##### A. Count it Pure \_\_\_\_\_ to Have the Opportunity to Develop Endurance *James 1:2*

- 1) “Am I supposed to feel good about trials?” NO! When trials come, we are not give in to our \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) “Count” is a thinking word: God asks us to \_\_\_\_\_ when trials fall arise & see His good hand
- 3) God does not ask us to be happy about trials, but rather to find \_\_\_\_\_ in trials, understanding that God is developing endurance in our lives, which in turn will bring about full spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. Let \_\_\_\_\_ Do Its Full Work in Our Lives *James 1:4*

- 1) We are often like \_\_\_\_\_ who lie down under the load put on us, refusing to go any further
- 2) We must decide to \_\_\_\_\_ on keeping on in order to let endurance form spiritual maturity in us