



**Pamagat** (Title): Reasons to Rejoice When Testings or Trials Come (part 3): Ang Mga Pagsubok ay Nagdudulot ng Wastong Pagsusuri sa Kapatiran (A Proper Evaluation of the Brethren)

**Text:** James 1:9-11

1:9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: 10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. 11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

**Pagsasalin** (Translation): 9 Magmapuri ang kapatid na may mababang kalagayan dahil sa kaniyang pagkakataas. 10 Magmapuri din naman ang mayaman dahil sa kaniyang pagkakababa sapagkat tulad ng bulaklak ng damo, siya ay lilipas. 11 Ito ay sapagkat ang araw ay sumisikat na may matinding init at tinutuyo ang damo. Ang bulaklak ng damo ay nalalagas at sinisira ng araw ang kaakit-akit na anyo nito. Gayundin naman ang mayaman, siya ay lumilipas sa kaniyang mga lakad

**Panimula** (Introduction):

Sa pangunahing mga verses ng James ay kaagad tayong binigyan ng apat na dahilan (at kasama ang mga kautusan) kung bakit maari tayong mag-galak sa gitna ng mga pagsubok: 1. Paggulang; 2. Karunungan. Ngayon: 3. Wastong pananaw patungkol sa buhay.

**I. The Circumstance: Economic Status Does Not Determine Spiritual Status in the Church.**

- A. “Brother of low degree” – poor.
- B. “the rich” – Brother of high degree – rich.
- C. They are both “brothers” – in salvation – they are in the family of God. (equal standing in Christ).
- D. As church members – they are of equal standing (spiritually).
- E. Reminder – the early churches were poor (Acts 2:45; 4:35; 1 Cor. 1:26-28) – some of them were slaves (Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22).

**II. The Command: “Let” (allow).**

- A. “Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted.” (Spiritually a king and priest; forget earthly poverty)
- B. EQUAL – Let the brother of high degree rejoice in that he is made low. (forget earthly riches)
- C. A Christian/church member is to rejoice (or boast or glory) in the Lord or the things of the Lord. Rejoice in the hope of the glory of God (Rom. 5:2 – which is salvation – Lk. 10:20; 1 Pet. 1:8-9); tribulations because it produces endurance (Rom. 5:3); in God (Rom. 5:11); in the cross (Gal. 6:14). But we must never rejoice in ourselves about ourselves (Ps. 115:1).

**III. The Caution Concerning Riches:**

- A. Riches are temporary – therefore we must make wise use of money. A. Save it; B. Spend it; C. Invest it. James uses Isa. 40:6-7 – (James could use Isa. 40 because of v.8).
- B. We must have to right heart attitude concerning riches. (Humility)
- C. Riches can be used wrongfully. (Matt. 19:23; Lk. 18:22-27)
- D. Riches can be used correctly. (Acts 4:37; 11:29; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; 1 Jn. 3:17)
- E. Riches are elusive – “fade away in his ways” – habang hinahabol niya ang kayamanan.

**Katapusan** (Conclusion):

- 1. Isang dahilan kung bakit dapat ibilang natin na kagalakan ang mga pagsubok dahil tinuturuan tayo ng mga pagsubok na huwag umasa sa kayamanan kundi sa Dios.
- 2. At ito ay nagdudulot ng wastong pagsusuri sa kapatiran.