



# **“Enduring Love”**

Our Relationship with God  
James 1:12

*Our Love for God will make Us :*

## **I. Different** – “the man” (verse 12)

*Unique in Our :*

- A. **Contentment** – “ *Blessed* “
- B. **Confident** – “*tried*”
- C. **Committed** – “*love Him*”

## **II. Determined** - “that endures” (verse 12)

*Unyielded because of Our :*

- A. **Preparation** – “ *when* ”
- B. **Patience** – “*temptation*”

## **III. Distinguished** - “shall receive” (verse 12)

*Uncommon in Our :*

- A. **Attractiveness** – “ *the crown*”
- B. **Animation** – “*of life*”
- C. **Accomplishments** – “*promised*”

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## Conclusion

Philippians 1:6 *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

**Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. KJV**

**2 Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for, when he has been proved, he shall receive the crown of life which God has promised to them that love him New Advent Version**

**Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ESV**

**James Introduction is in two balanced halves:**

**Verses 1-11 = Christian's proper toward suffering itself**

**Verses 12-18 = Christian's proper attitude towards God Himself**

**“Chapter One could be a ME passage”**

**V. 1-11 = Me looking at Trials**

**V. 12-18 = Me looking at God**

**V. 19-25 = Me looking at God's Word**

**V. 26-27 = Me looking at ME**

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*EXEGESIS:*

v. 12

*Blessed* = happy or spiritually prosperous

*is the man* = any individual believer,

*that endureth* = That goes through tough times with a proper attitude towards God

*temptation*: = Same word used earlier ...being used in noun form to be defined as **difficult times**. (PEIRAMOS)

Starting in verse 13, we will see the same greek word in its verb form that brings with it the meaning of an inner temptation or struggle.

*for when he is tried (proved)*, = When not if he goes through tough times...Some will be tried more severely than others. Perhaps God knows exactly what we can bear?!

he shall receive the crown of life, = This is a reward...thus this is not how we get salvation...phrase is used as “the crowning of our lives” or “crowning achievements” = thus means that we will carry the marks of our trials but they will not be seen as scars but instead if we maintain our love for God, He will make them into that which others will find attractive

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which the Lord hath promised –

- Revelation 2:8 - Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.
- John 10:10

James 5:11 - <sup>11</sup>Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

- *God enriches our present experience of life when testing has been successfully endured*

to them that love him. - = this is unconditional love for God which the believer can only have supernaturally. – It is a trademark of those which are saved – I John 4:8