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James 1:1-4

JAMES: AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

I. Introduction

“If you say you believe, why do live as if you don’t?” Or as Chuck Colson wrote in his book Loving God asks, **“What good is it to have beliefs, if you are not going to live by them.”**

“James a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, **To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations.** James 1:1

- Who was James?

II. In Our Problems, (trials) We must realize:

A. Difficulties Come Into _____ Life

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, **whenever** you face trials of **many** kinds.” James 1:2

1. Trials are _____

2. Trials are _____

B. Our _____ Determines The Outcome.

“**Consider** it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds.” James 1:2

C. We Can Be Certain God Has A _____

[3] because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be **mature** and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:3-4

3 Purposes of Trials:

- Problems Purify My _____
- Problems Develop My _____
- Problems Build My _____

III. Conclusion and Application: