



A Study of James

Week Two 9/14 – 9/20: James 1:2-18

Faith Test: Steadfast Under Trial

Homework:

1. Have you ever encountered a difficult situation where you thought it was impossible for any good to come out of it, only to realize later that it was an important part of your personal growth? If so, explain.
2. Read the following passages: **Jeremiah 32:40-41, John 10:27-30, John 14:15-17, Philippians 1:6**. How can those verses help you stay "Steadfast Under Trial" realizing God has not forsaken you and is more involved than you realize.
3. When we have remained "Steadfast Under Trial" we might not even see that God had His hand in the situation, and we may even begin to question if doing things God's way is worth it. How can **Hebrews 6:10-12** help us avoid falling in to this kind of thinking?
4. Asking God for wisdom and then applying it during times of trials is foundational to growing as a bondservant of Christ. As you read the following verses: Proverbs 1:7, 11:2, 13:10, 14:8, 19:11 how do we, and what are the benefits of gaining God's wisdom? Choose a Proverbs that would benefit you to read every day for the next week.
5. Is there any situation in your life right now that you need to pray for God's wisdom to help keep you "Steadfast Under Trial", instead of praying for God to simply deliver you from this trial?
6. One way to help you see the good of God's work and "count it pure joy" when life is tough is to be aware of his goodness before you're in the heat of the hardship. Make a list of 5-10 things that you are thankful God has done for you (try to focus more on the non-material). After making the list, circle your top two.