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THE BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (III): HEBREWS TO REVELATION

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” (James 1:12)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Trials test our faith. Know the progression of temptation. Understand the purpose of fiery trials. Understand the final hour of trial.
<i>Knowledge of God’s Divine Nature</i>	God uses trials to test our faith. When going through trials, “the Spirit of glory and of God” rests upon us. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith.
<i>Good Works</i>	Run with endurance by looking unto Jesus. Press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Lay aside every weight so that we can endure the race of faith.

A. Trials of Life

Peirasmos

The Greek word *peirasmos* translates into “temptation” or “test,” and can also be defined as “a trial.” Our temptations are also trials that test if our faith is genuine and enduring. They are God’s way of developing us so that we can learn and grow into maturity in our faith. Ultimately, God wants us to be molded into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ (Rom 8:29). Facing and overcoming these trials will guide us towards that goal, but this can only occur if we rely on God’s help.

B. James: Trials to Test Our Faith

It may feel disheartening to know that trials are an inevitable part of our lives, but James encouraged his readers by reminding them that “the testing of your faith produces patience” (Jas 1:3), and when patience reaches perfection, we mature spiritually (Jas 1:4). We may feel fragile, and storms in life are often difficult to face. But when we cooperate with our heavenly Father, He will always help us through our times of trouble.

C. 1 Peter: Fiery Trials to Purify

Peter wrote to Christians who faced severe suffering and persecution, to the point that they were losing hope. He exhorts them to endure sufferings, referring to them as a “fiery trial.” He compares trials to a fire that refines and purifies gold.

1. *“Do not think it strange.” (1 Pet 4:12):* As followers of Christ, we must expect fiery trials. They are a test of our faith, and a natural part of our lives as God’s children.
2. *“But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings.” (1 Pet 4:13):* When we partake of fiery trials, we are partakers of the suffering of Christ. When Christ returns, He will reward those who suffered for His name’s sake.

D. Revelation: The Final Trial

To remain in God’s protection during the final trial of the future, we need to remain true to Christ today. As long as we grow strong in our faith in the face of any trials that we face, we can look forward to seeing the appearing of the Lord (1 Jn 3:1–3).

Life Application: Running the Race to the Finish

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Lesson 10

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (James 1:12):

1. What does the memory verse teach us about temptation and the result of enduring temptation?
2. What is another meaning of *peirasmos*, and how is this related to the purpose of temptations?
3. According to the Book of James, what do trials produce in us?
4. What is the final trial described in Revelation? How do we survive this trial?
5. Why did the author of Hebrews encourage us to run the race with “endurance”?
6. What hindrances prevent you from enduring the face of faith? How will you set them aside?