



James 1:2-8
ASKING FOR WISDOM IN FAITH

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JAMES' PLAN FOR ENDURING TRIALS
 – JAMES 1 –

- **Goal** (*verses 2-4*) – reaching maturity ultimately to obtain salvation.
- **The Need** (*verse 5*) – wisdom. Understanding the “why” of trials, and the proper way to handle them.
- **The Appropriation of Wisdom** (*verse 5*) – God grants us wisdom through His word (*cf. 1 Corinthians 2:7, 12- 13*)

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- **The Condition to Meet in Prayer** (*verses 6-8*)
 - “in faith”
 - Not that God can or will give – *James 4:3; 1:5, 7*
 - Rather, in connection with true faith, and its growth – *cf. Romans 10:17; James 2*
 - “with no doubting”
 - “to separate oneself from, or to contend with” (contrast – “meekness,” *verse 21*)

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- **Asking with Doubting**
 - (*verse 8*) – double-minded.
 - (*verses 13-15*) – temptation.
 - (*verses 19-20*) – contention.
 - (*verses 22-24*) – self-deception, hearing not doing.
 - (*verse 26*) – useless religion.

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- **Asking in Faith**
 - (*verses 5-6*) – no doubting.
 - (*verse 12*) – endures trial by loving God.
 - (*verses 16-18*) – realizes the good offered by God in the word.
 - (*verses 19, 21*) – swift to hear the word. (NOTE: “meekness”)
 - (*verse 25*) – doer of the word.

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- **Enduring Trials** (*James 1:9-11*)
 - For the Poor (*verse 9*) – glory in exaltation.
 - No envy – *Psalms 73:1-3*
 - No distraction – *Matthew 6:33*
 - No worldly wisdom to gain riches – *James 3:14-16*
 - Glory in exalted state – *James 2:5* (Contentment – *Philippians 4:11-13*)
 - Keep self unspotted from world (*verse 21*) – *1 Timothy 6:9*

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- **Enduring Trials** (*James 1:9-11*)
 - For the Rich (*verses 10-11*) – glory in humiliation.
 - No trust in riches – *1 Timothy 6:17*
 - Not conforming to world – *James 2:6; Romans 12:2*
 - Glory in humiliation – *1 Timothy 6:6-7; Matthew 6:20-21*
 - Associate with the humble – *Romans 12:16; James 1:27; 1 Timothy 6:18-19*

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- **Enduring Trials** (*James 1:9-11*)
- **In all Circumstances** – *Proverbs 3:5-8*

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