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The test of faith



Christians are not exempt from trials. They are part of God's dealings with you. God uses them for your training. He wants you to make progress in your faith (vv2-3).

If everything goes well, faith often remains a theory. You are challenged to live your faith day by day. You can prove the reality of your faith in trials. The problem with trials is, though, that they often last a long time. Therefore, you need patience and endurance (v4).

You have many questions when you are in difficulties: you question the reason and the purpose. You need wisdom. Ask God for it (v5).

James shows that there are a variety of trials. For one it may be poverty, for another maybe something else (vv9-11). It doesn't matter what your circumstances are – allow God to lead you and trust Him. One day there will be an end to all trails. Then your endurance will be rewarded (v12).



- 1. Why are trials (challenges) important for your faith?
- 2. What does God do if you ask Him?
- 3. What conditions for answered prayer are mentioned?

In God's eyes, wisdom has nothing to do with intelligence.

Somebody is wise if they practically apply to their lives what they have understood from God's word.



Put your whole trust in the Lord Jesus. He will help and reward you.

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Trials should work patience (v4). They should help you to look to the Lord Jesus, become more like Him and dependence on Him.
 He willingly gives wisdom (v5).
 Ask in faith, pray without doubting.

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