

*The Letter to the
12 Tribes*

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Jas. 1:12-16



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a. The crisis endured, 1:12a “Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation...”

makarios: blessed, happy

Original Word: μακάριος

Transliteration: makarios

Short Definition: happy, blessed

3107 *makários* (from *mak-*, "become long, large") – properly, when God *extends* His *benefits* (the advantages *He confers*); *blessed*.

3107 /*makários* ("blessed") describes a believer in *enviable* ("fortunate") position from receiving *God's provisions* (*favor*) – which (literally) *extend* ("make long, large") His grace (benefits). This happens with receiving (obeying) the Lord's inbirthings of faith. Hence, faith (**4102** /*pístis*) and **3107** (*makários*) are closely associated (Ro 4:5-7, 14:22,23; Rev 14:12,13).

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Mt. 5:3 **2 Blessed** *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 **Blessed** *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 **Blessed** *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 **Blessed** *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 **Blessed** *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 **Blessed** *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 **Blessed** *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 **Blessed** *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 **Blessed** *are* ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 **Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven:** for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Jn. 13:17 If ye know these things, **happy** are ye if ye do them.

Jas. 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be **blessed** in his deed.

1 Pet. 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, **happy** are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

1 Pet. 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, **happy** are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.



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Jas. 1:12 “Blessed *is* the man that **endureth temptation...**”

hupomenó: to stay behind, to await, **endure**

Original Word: ὑπομένω

Transliteration: hupomenó

Definition: (a) I remain behind, (b) I stand my ground, show endurance, (c) I endure, bear up against, persevere.

hypoménō – **literally, remaining under (the load)**, bearing up (enduring); for the believer, this uniquely happens by *God's* power (cf. 1 Thess. 3:5).

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1 Thess. 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, **I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.**

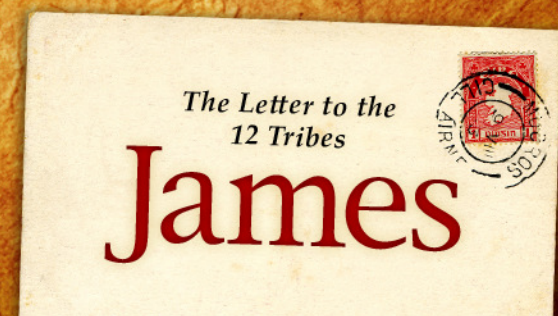
Mt. 4:3 And **when the tempter came to him**, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

b. The crown ensured, 1:12b "...for when he is tried, he shall receive the **crown of life**, which **the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**



BELIEVERS' CROWNS

Title	Reason	Reference
An Imperishable Crown	For leading a disciplined life	1 Cor. 9:25
A Crown of Rejoicing	For evangelism and discipleship	1 Thess. 2:19
A Crown of Righteousness	For loving the Lord's appearing	2 Tim. 4:8
A Crown of Life	For enduring trials	James 1:12 ; Rev. 2:10
A Crown of Glory	For shepherding God's flock faithfully	1 Pet. 5:4



1 Cor. 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible **crown; but we an incorruptible.**

1 Thess. 2:19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or **crown of rejoicing**? *Are not even ye* in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, **but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

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Rev. 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a **crown of life**.

1 Pet. 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a **crown of glory** that fadeth not away.



BELIEVERS' FUTURE INHERITANCE

What <i>all</i> believers will inherit	What <i>faithful</i> believers will <i>additionally</i> inherit
Entrance into God's kingdom John 3:3, 5 ; 1 Cor. 6:9 ; Gal. 5:21 ; Eph. 5:5	Abundant eternal life James 1:12 ; Rev. 2:10
Eternal life John 3:16, 36 ; et al.	Reigning with Christ Luke 19:17, 19 ; 2 Tim. 2:12 ; Rev. 2:26-27
Acceptance by God Rom. 5:1 ; 8:31-39	Praise from God Matt. 25:21, 23 ; Luke 19:17 ; John 12:26 ; 2 Tim. 4:8 ; 1 Pet. 1:7 ; 5:4
No condemnation Rom. 5:9 ; 8:1 ; 1 Thess. 1:10	Intimacy with Christ John 15:14
Resurrection or translation 1 Cor. 15:53-57 ; 1 Thess. 4:13-17	Various rewards: Matt. 5:12, 46 ; 6:1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 16, 18 ; 10:41-42 ; 16:27 ; Mark 9:41 ; Luke 6:23, 35 ; 1 Cor. 3:8, 14 ; 9:16-18, 25, 27 ; 2 Cor. 5:9-11 ; Phil. 4:1 ; Col. 3:24 ; 1 Thess. 2:19 ; 1 Tim. 4:14 ; 5:18 ; 2 Tim. 2:5 ; 4:8 ; Heb. 11:6 ; 1 Pet. 5:4 ; 2 John 8 ; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 28 ; 3:5 , 11 , 12 , 21 ; 11:18 ; 22:12
Glorification 1 Pet. 1:9	

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Deut. 6:5 And thou shalt **love the LORD thy God** with **all thine heart**, and with **all thy soul**, and with **all thy might**. (10:12, 11:13, 13:3, Josh. 22:5)

Deut. 30:16 In that I command thee this day to **love the LORD thy God**, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. (30:20, Jdg. 5:31, Psa. 5:11)

Mt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with **all thy heart**, and with **all thy soul**, and with **all thy mind**. (Mk. 12:30, Lu. 10:27)

1 Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which **God hath prepared for them that love him**.

Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good **to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

B. The Temptations of the Christian life, 1:13-16

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1. The source of temptation, 1:13-15

a. What we must realize, 1:13

Jas. 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

(1) Recording a common error, 1:13a “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God...”

(2) Refuting a common error, 1:13b “...for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:”

b. What we must recognize, 1:14-15

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This is spiritual LSD = **L**ust -> **S**in -> **D**eath



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(1) The mother of sin, 1:14-15a

Jas. 1:14 “But every man is tempted, **when he is drawn away of his own lust**, and **enticed**.

15 Then when lust hath conceived...”

epithumia: desire, passionate longing, lust

Original Word: ἐπιθυμία

Transliteration: epithumia

Definition: desire, eagerness for, inordinate desire, lust.

Cognate: 1939 *epithymía* (from [1909](#) /*epí*, "focused on" and [2372](#) /*thymós*, "passionate desire") – properly, *passion* built on strong feelings (urges). These can be positive or negative, depending on whether the desire is *inspired by faith* (God's inbirthed *persuasion*). <http://biblehub.com/greek/1939.htm>



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exelkó: to draw out or away

Original Word: ἐξέλκω

Transliteration: exelkó

Definition: (lit: I draw out of the right place, or I draw aside out of the right way), I entice.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1828.htm>

deleazó: to lure

Original Word: δελεάζω

Transliteration: deleazó

Short Definition: I allure, entice (by a bait)

deleázō (from *delear*, "bait") – properly, to *bait* a hook or set a trap with bait; (figuratively) *entice* a victim into a moral trap, luring them in through their own *selfish impulses*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1185.htm>

Lust – when a desire becomes a distraction that leads to debate, luring a believer away from the will of God.

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

You cannot keep birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from nesting in your hair.

Jas. 1:15 “Then when lust hath conceived...”

Original Word: εἶτα

Part of Speech: Adverb – denoting sequence

Transliteration: eita

Definition: **then**, thereafter, next (marking a fresh stage); therefore, then, furthermore.

1534 *eíta* (a primitive, temporal adverb communicating *time*) – *next* (in succession), *after that* ("*then*"). <http://biblehub.com/greek/1534.htm>

sullambanó: to collect, i.e. to take, by impl. to take part with, **spec. to conceive**

Original Word: συλλαμβάνω

Transliteration: sullambanó

Definition: I seize, apprehend, assist, conceive, become pregnant

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4815.htm>

Conception denotes beginning or existence of something.

tiktó: to beget, bring forth

Original Word: τίκτω

Transliteration: tiktó

Definition: I bear, bring forth, produce, beget, yield.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5088.htm>

When the germination of lust, joins with the flesh, and is acted upon, sin begins.

(2) The method of sin, 1:15b
“...it bringeth forth sin...”

1 Jn. 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 Pet. 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

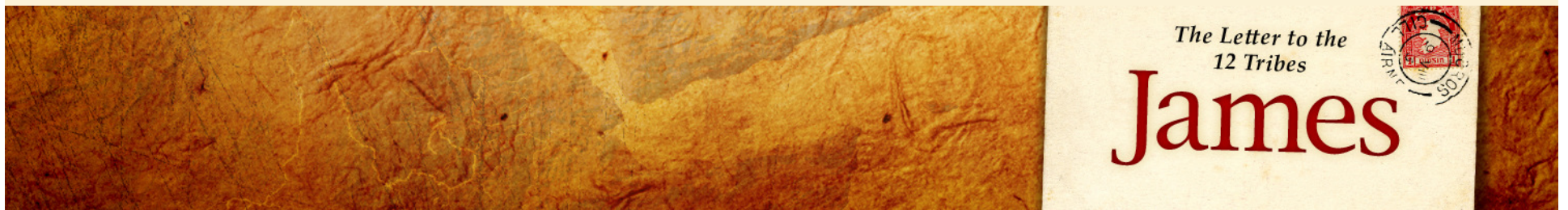
(3) The maturity of sin, 1:15c "...and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Rom. 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for **the end of those things is death.**

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For **the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 8:6 For **to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. (Isa. 26:3)



2. The subtlety of temptation, 1:16

Jas. 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

2 Cor. 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of **his devices**.

1 Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived**: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1 Cor. 15:33 **Be not deceived**: evil communications corrupt good manners.

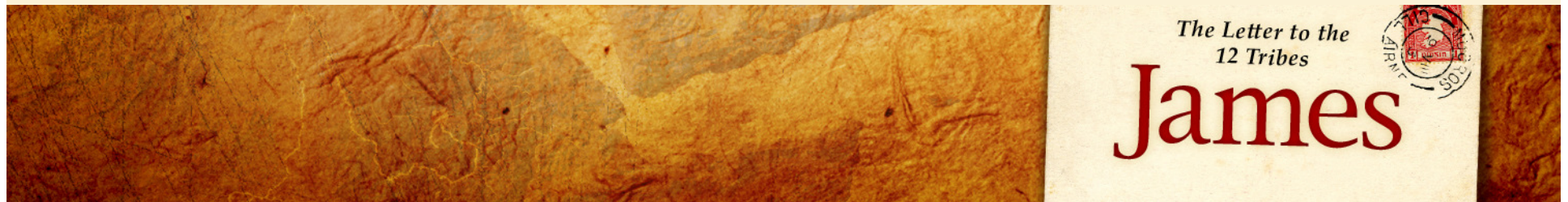


Gal. 6:7 **Be not deceived**; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

1 Jn. 3:7 Little children, **let no man deceive you**: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

Rom. 7:11 **For sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived me**, and by it slew *me*.

Heb. 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**



Conclusion

Rom. 8:35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

