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James 1:12-25

Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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Robert and his wife, Erin, live in Missouri City and attend Sugar Creek Baptist Church. They have 2 adult children, Kira, age 24, and Skyler, age 20. At their home church, Robert is an Adult Bible Fellowship teacher and also provides biblical counseling at Second Mile Mission in Stafford, TX. Robert and Erin own Original Images Photographic Studio in Sugarland, where Robert does his own photography, specializing in weddings.

Robert's goal in ministry is to be a Senior Pastor at a small rural Baptist Church in Fort Bend County. To this end, he is seeking to be ordained at Sugar Creek Baptist and wishes to serve at Sugar Creek while he completes his Master's Degree in Biblical Studies. He hopes to gain experience in any facet of service in which God may direct him to serve.

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read James 1:12-25

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.

¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. What does it look like to lean on God?
 2. Are the things James tells us to do in trials unique to James?
 3. What are we supposed to be quick to hear?
 4. What does it mean to persevere?
 5. If we do everything James says to do, will our trials end sooner?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes
