



PERSEVERE THROUGH PRESSURE

June 6, 2021 @ 9:15a & 11a • Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor • James 1:1-4 & 5:11

“James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ: To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion. Greetings.” (v. 1)

► Unusual _____: ***“Consider it a great joy, my brothers” (v. 2)***

► Expected Pain: ***“Whenever you experience various trials” (v. 2b) (From sermon taught Sun, Dec 27, 2020)***

- Culture: a. Heresy, b. Narcissism, c. Brutality, d. Materialism, e. Spiritual but not Christian, f. Intellectual, but not wise
- Prerequisites for the rise of the Antichrist: Globalism (concerns, currency, communication, celebrity), Ability to monitor and track, Apostasy, Lawlessness, Removal of Holy Spirit, Deceit, Alignment of nations against Israel

► Developing _____: ***“knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance” (v. 3) Endurance: “patience,” “perseverance,” and “steadfastness”***

► Perfecting Character: ***“But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.” (v. 4)***

- Complete — the goal
- Mature — the process
- Lacking nothing — the victory

► _____ for Perseverance: ***“See, we count as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job’s endurance and have seen the outcome from the Lord. The Lord is very compassionate and merciful.” (v. 5:11) Persevering until the Lord’s coming (v. 7a), persevering farmer (v. 7b), persevering because God is your judge (v. 9), persevering prophets (v. 10)***

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