

In Chapter 2 Verse 17, 12/2/90 P.M.
N.C.B.C.
The Apostle James, writing to Believers
Said: "Faith without works is Dead" //

He Also Said: "Ash in Faith,
Nothing Wavering" James 1:6

He Said: "Be Ye Doers of the Word
And Not Hearers Only" James 1:22

And He Said: "When All Kinds of
Trials and Temptations Crowd into
your lives As a Believer, Don't
Consider them an enemy, Knows
this, "The trying of your Faith
worketh patience" James 1: 2 & 3

Just because you are loved // Just
because you love God // Just because
you have surrendered yourself to the
will of God // in no way keeps
you from being tested

Listen, you and I will be put
to the test Again and Again and
Again =

The Apostle Peter said: "Believe me, your faith will be tested" // "But Always Remember you are under God's care" // you are kept by the power of God - And you will come away with a victory

He says: "Even when the trials are the most severe // Even when the temptation to give up is the greatest" // Hang in there Amen

"If you are committed to God" // "He will bring you through victorious"

Oh listen, the people James was writing to / And the people Peter was writing to knew about trials // They knew about testings of their faith // They had come through much of it - But there was more to come

Let me say Dear hearts, there will ALWAYS be testing of our faith until Jesus comes - Amen.

2/ So what shall we do? Crave Up!
Crave In! Forget Gads will for an
Lives? // Absolutely Not -

James says: "Count it all joy when
ye fall into divers temptations"

And Peter says: "Rejoice"

And we ask, why? Answer -
well lets see why -

Look at James 1: Verse 2 "My Brethren"
(Not brethren to Jews, but to Believers) Count
it all joy when ye fall into divers
"Temptations"

To those who believe in Jesus James says:

- ① regard it as a thing to Rejoice in
- ② A matter which will ultimately bring
happiness -

Don't consider it as punishment
or chastisement.

Now what is this "IT" James is
referring to? // "Temptations" Answer

Not just once but many!!!

Normally the word is used as being something that is an Altar to sin ~~////~~ but as used here, the word "Temptations" is speaking of "Trials that test our faith" ~~////~~

In these scattered believers the trials were separation from home & loved ones / Persecution // Poverty //

- ① all ^{their} tried the faith of these Believers
- ② all ^{these} put their trust in God to the test. ~~////~~

"Now you heard people say, "No way" how could anyone refuse or count it as joy, when they are ridiculed and persecuted for the stand they take for Jesus"

But listen, "you need to know that any commitment you make will test your faith, as well as that of people near you —"

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This is why the word of God warns
Against "Idle words" // Listen to what
Jesus said in Matt. 26 & 27 "But
I say unto you, that every idle
word that men shall speak, they
shall give account thereof in
the day of judgement— For by
thy words thou shalt be justified,
And by thy words thou shalt be
condemned" //

Oh listen, Every time someone comes
to me sharing a commitment they
make to God, I remind them that
God knows their hearts - Amen (Amen And Amen)

So I say again, Every commitment you
make will be a Test Ground of
your Faith"

People will put you to the test, And
God will put you to the test —

oh but listen, if we are serious, we
can rejoice in the testing —

It will be a time of showing our
faith in God and our sincerity in
our commitment.

James says: "Welcome the testing"
for every test you endure makes
you better able to withstand the
next one."

Key lesson, "when our faith is tested
it grows we have found or done
something out of the ordinary" / And
people want to check it out.

Let me say this: God does not tempt
a person, but He does try their
faith. I can tell you that for
a fact. (He will put us to the test.)

Look at verse 3 of James Chapter 1.

"Knowing this ^{knowing} (that you will be put
to the test) that the trying of
your faith works with patience"

"Patience is a fruit of such a trial"

4/ It makes us wait on God, and we
were reminded last Sunday that
"They that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength, they
shall mount up with wings as
eagles, they shall run and not
be weary, walk and not faint"

Oh listen if all our trials from
trials is patience, / it is well worth
it - Amen.

now

If you compare the writings of Paul
& James you'll find Agreement -

James writes: "Knowing this that the trying
of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:3)

And Paul writes: "Knowing that tribulation
worketh patience" Rom. 5:3

James writes: "Canst it all joy when ye
fall into divers temptations" (James 1:2)

And Paul writes: "We glory in
tribulation also" (Rom 5:3)

Both men are saying: "God will never take you where the Holy Spirit can't sustain you"

John in Verse 4 James writes: "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing"

Here's what it means: "Let the process continue without rebelling until your patience is fully developed, and you will find that you have become people of mature character, having all your needs met!"

As we allow patience to develop even in tribulation it produces effects that will last. Patience under trials has an effect on our very souls.

It strengthens our belief in God helping us to know, "That He is with us always — Even unto the end of the earth"

5/ I Say Again, You Can expect Any
Commitment you make to ~~be~~ put you
to the test // **Either God will do
it / or people will do it //**

But you can come away with a
Victory that will magnify the
Lord and Strengthen your Faith //

**Or you can allow yourself to
be defeated - Handing the
devil a victory on a silver
platter — //**

Now one of two things can win happen
Your Victory will Strengthen the
faith of others as you remain
faithful through out the trial //

**Or it can cause questions
to be raised in the mind
of those looking to you for
Confirmation that "The
trying of our Faith produces
results that can do it in
confirming the word of God"**

Your Faith will be tried — //

Your endurance will be tested
"But the victory is to be your own"

You ~~can~~ ^{can} become a complete person
in Christ // your character will
be proved // your faith will
manifest itself - // And
you'll come to know that
God will supply all your
needs - //

Will the fighting be easy? // not
necessarily so // But one thing
is for sure, the promise of God
is this, "I will never leave
thee nor forsake you" Heb. 13:5

oh listen dear hearts, "If we will
be faithful to God, He will do
all His promised to do -"

So consider testing as God's way
of growing to ourselves what
He has known all along" now
"we need to depend on Him"

6/ We need to let our workers say
to the world, "Here is Faith
is Action" / Here is what I
Believe about God

Beloved, ^{James} had something else to
say to ALL Believers - you'll
find it in James 4:17

Listen:

"Therefore, (or because of our works
been said before) to Him that
knoweth to do good, and doeth
it not, to Him it is sin"

(Dear hearts, we sin when we do not
do those things we've been taught to
do from God's word.)

If one has the ability // The knowledge //
the Gift // and does not use it to
magnify the Lord / They sin

If one has been called // or reminded by
the Holy Spirit of a work God would
have done, and does not do it They sin

You see Gods Promise is this: "And let
us not be weary in well doing (or
doing what God has told us to do) for
in due season we shall reap "IF"
we faint not —

Oh dear hearts, what has God spoken
to you about? what is it that God
wants you to do — According to
His word — If we refuse to do
it we sin, and continue to sin
until we submit to His will.

Please bow your heads & listen to
Gods promise you of some things
1st Gods word says: Faith must be expressed
in Gods work - works that magnify the word
2nd we must do what we know God
would have us do
3rd we must not give up when testing
comes no matter how severe.
And we must believe God and act on
these beliefs
5th we must commit ourselves unconditionally
to God —

7/ 6th. If we say it // we must mean it

7th. We must never throw in the towel
if we do we lose —

What would God have you do?

Submit yourself to His will?

Be loved?

Become a part of His body?

If God has said do it, you need to do it
or it becomes a sin to you until you
submit —

Prayer

Now Father, if you want to get saved
at anything were said you need to
check it out were just heard God's
word —

So if you get saved, it's AT
God that one —