

The Reward for Perseverance (Jas. 1:12)

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Contextual Review

James began his sermon/letter with an exhortation about enduring _____.

The ultimate purpose of those trials: the _____ choice of living a mature, undivided life of _____.

Other topics in this division of the letter are:

- _____ in faith for the wisdom that enables one to endure trials with joy (vv. 5-8)
- The trial of poverty and _____ (vv. 9-11)

James rounds off this first division with a final exhortation to _____ in trials.

James's Beatitude (v. 12a)

Our passage begins with a beatitude (or _____) that is pronounced on the one who _____ trial.

Blessed =

In the New Testament "blessed" implies an inner _____ and sufficiency that doesn't depend on _____ circumstances for happiness.

Reasons not to translate *makarios* as "happiness":

Perseveres under =

Trial =

The man who _____ chooses to persevere under trial is the man who has a deep, inner _____ and satisfaction because he never relinquishes his confident _____ in God.

God's Approval (v. 12b)

Approved =

Approval does not mean _____-commendation, but the commendation of the _____.

2 Cor. 10:18 – For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends.

The principle is simple, clear, and marvelously gracious: _____ brings God's approval.

The Promised Reward (v. 12c)

Crown =

Life =

The prize for which Christians strive is _____.

This crown—referred to as the crown of _____, the crown of _____, and the crown of _____—is the same crown and will be received by every believer.

Perseverance does not _____ salvation and eternal life, but is itself _____ and evidence of salvation and eternal life.

James clearly associates _____ perseverance under trial with genuine _____ for God, perseverance being one of the clearest _____ of those who love Him.

Even when we perceive nothing _____ coming from affliction in this life, we can look forward to a magnificent _____ compensation for our suffering.

The wise v. foolish choice in this passage: Those who wisely choose to _____ under trial will prove their genuine faith and receive the _____ of eternal life.