



SERMON QUESTIONS

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Series: Rightly Receiving The Word
Sermon: Rightly Receiving The Word
James 1:1-27

1. Read James 1:1. Who is the author of the book of James? Who is the audience the letters originally intended recipients, of the book of James? How do James' life experiences and the audiences' "dispersed" plight connect with James 1:2-4?
2. James 1:2 commands believers to "consider it all joy." First, what does the word "consider" mean? Second, it James commanding us to enjoy trials? If not, what does he mean by "all"?
3. Pastor Robert described 3 qualities of trials from the words in verse 2: when, encounter and various. Describe these. Do these descriptions fit your personal experiences of trials in life?
4. What is the foundational anchor Pastor Robert mentioned from James 1:3, enabling the believer to "consider it all joy"? What does the text go on to say is produced from trials? What does "complete" and "perfect" mean? Finally, doesn't this mean that difficulty is necessary for maturity? Have you ever considered that?
5. Up to this point, James has described an inhibitor to our maturation process. We are not prone to considering trials as necessary. We usually attempt to avoid them. Now, in James 1:5, we are introduced to a necessary ingredient to properly considering it all joy when we encounter various trials. What are we to ask for? What is Godly wisdom? How must we ask? What is meant by double-minded?
6. In James 1:12-18, James returns to persevering (endurance). How is love connected to this? James mentions "trial" in verse 12, but "tempted" in verse 13-14. Does god tempt us? If not, who does? What is the difference between the tests that are trials from God and temptation?
7. How did God bring us forth, according to James 1:18?
8. James 1:19-25 details how believers, though challenged by internal sinful inclinations, are to "receive" the Word. Name the descriptions in verse 19. Name the instruction in verse 21-25.