

## “Ask of God”

## Review: James 1:1-4

A. God, who is over all, uses trials to test (\_\_\_\_\_) our faith which in turn builds perseverance (steadfastness and \_\_\_\_\_) in us.

1. As we understand what God through the trial is working in us, we can consider it all with a deep \_\_\_\_\_.

## James 1:5-11

I. “If any of you lacks \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

A. The word “wisdom” as used here refers to \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom - wisdom that comes from God. It is that which provides a deep knowledge, understanding, and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. This wisdom, though it sees past the surface and has the eternal perspective, immediately applies itself in a sense \_\_\_\_\_ our thoughts, attitudes, actions, and reactions.

a. This wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ if we have any intention to serve God faithfully and cooperate with His good work in our lives.

2. We need God’s wisdom that we may \_\_\_\_\_.

a. If one does not consider it all joy as they face their trials, they \_\_\_\_\_ godly wisdom.

3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ Him for His wisdom.

a. God gives wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ to those who ask of Him.

b. To those who ask, God dispenses wisdom generously and without \_\_\_\_\_.

B. One must ask in \_\_\_\_\_ believing what is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Family, letting go of our human wisdom and \_\_\_\_\_ to His Word, we must recognize our need of divine wisdom and come to Him in faith, \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Such a one He will grant wisdom. And with the wisdom of God, we will rightly \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God and consider it all joy as we face our trials.

**II. Two examples of wise \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. The wisdom of God teaches the \_\_\_\_\_ man to glory (rejoice) in his \_\_\_\_\_ position.**

**1. The world may consider us to be low because we love Christ, and the world may persecute us because we stand for Christ, and the world may uproot us and steal away all of our earthly goods because they hate Christ and therefore hate us who are in Christ, but we possess a high heavenly position for we have \_\_\_\_\_! To suffer loss for Christ is immeasurably better than not knowing Christ for such loss is temporal! But the \_\_\_\_\_ in knowing Christ is \_\_\_\_\_!**

**2. Though the world may bring us low, we are a people who are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and in that \_\_\_\_\_ position we rejoice!**

**B. The wisdom of God teaches the \_\_\_\_\_ man to glory in his \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. In the kind mercy of God, God will use the trials of life to teach the rich man how temporal and passing riches are. A rich man should rejoice when he is humiliated, for in it \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**C. Just as the wisdom of God calls a rich man to rejoice when he is humiliated, for in it God is keeping him; and just as the wisdom of God calls the poor man to rejoice in his high position - that he is counted worthy to share in the sufferings of Christ, for in it God is keeping Him; we must consider it all \_\_\_\_\_ when we face the various trials of life for in them God is \_\_\_\_\_ us. This is the wisdom of God.**

**By \_\_\_\_\_ we gain deep insight as to the good God works in us through the trials of life. Thus we are enabled to \_\_\_\_\_ consider it all joy as we encounter the trials of life.**

**This wisdom is found in God \_\_\_\_\_.  
If we lack wisdom, we must \_\_\_\_\_ of God for He gives wisdom generously and without reproach, to all who ask in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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