

**James 1:11~** For the sun rises with its burning heat and withers the vegetation, and its flower drops off, and the beauty of its outward appearance perishes. So, too, the rich man will fade away in his ways of life.

1· James now extends the illustration by showing that the Sun comes up and withers the flower, and its beauty of appearance quickly perishes. Correspondingly the riches of the rich man will all fade away, and just as quickly, yet the endurance he learns through suffering as a Christian will endure forever.

**[Question]** How does James show, that this illustration relates to the rich man?

**[Question]** What though, can the rich man exult in, because it is enduring?

2· The green grass has dried up, the blossom has withered, because the very spirit of Yehowah has blown upon it. Surely the people are green grass. (**Isaiah 40:7**)

**[Question]** What does Isaiah liken the people to?

3· Again I say to you; It is easier for a camel to get through a needle's eye than for a rich man to get into the kingdom of God. (**Matthew 19:24**)

**[Question]** What did Jesus Christ state, that it would be easier for a camel to do, than for a rich man to get into the Kingdom of God?

4· And their inhabitants will be feeble-handed, they will simply be terrified and will be ashamed. They must become as vegetation of the field and green tender grass, grass of the roofs, when there is a scorching before the east wind. (**2 Kings 19:26**)

**[Question]** What did Yehowah liken the people to?

5· They have become high up a little while, then they are no more, and they have been brought low, like everyone else they are plucked off, and like the head of an ear of grain they are cut off. (**Job 24:24**)

**[Question]** How did Job liken the lifespan of mankind?

- 6· And yet earthling **man**, though in honor, cannot keep lodging. He is indeed comparable with the beasts that have been destroyed. (**Psalms 49:12**)

**[Question]** What is earthling man comparable to, because he dies just like them?

- 7· In the morning it puts forth blossoms and must change, at evening it **withers** and certainly dries up. (**Psalms 90:6**)

**[Question]** What are our lives like when compared to Yehowah who views a thousand years like one day?

- 8· As for mortal **man**, his days are like those of green grass, like a blossom of the field is the way he blossoms forth. (**Psalms 103:15**)

**[Question]** What are all the days of mortal man like before his God?

- 9· But it **will** not turn out well at all with the wicked one, neither **will** he prolong his days that are like a shadow, because he is not in fear of God. (**Ecclesiastes 8:13**)

**[Question]** What are the days of the wicked one likened to?

- 10· As regards Ephraim, like a flying creature their glory flies **away**, so that there is no giving birth, and no pregnant belly and no conception. (**Hosea 9:11**)

**[Question]** What is the glory of Ephraim likened to?

- 11· But when the sun rose, it was scorched, and for not having root it withered. (**Mark 4:6**)

**[Question]** What happened to the seed falling upon the rocky place when the sun came up?

- 12· While we keep our eyes, not on the things seen, but on the things unseen. For the things seen are temporary, but the things unseen are everlasting. (**2 Corinthians 4:18**)

**[Question]** What should anointed Christians keep their minds focused upon, and why?