

James 1:12~ Happy is the man that keeps on enduring trial, because on becoming approved he will receive the crown of life, which Yehowah¹ promised to those who continue loving him.

Footnote: Yehowah J7, 8, 13, 16, 17; C(Greek), Ky'ri-os; ItVgSyP, God; !AB omit See Appendix 1D

1· James then shows that whether the man is poor or rich to start with, his willing endurance of trails, sufferings and tribulations as an anointed Christian will cause him to become approved before his God. Thus he will gain the crown of life, immortal life in God's very presence in heaven, for this is what Yehowah God has promised to all his anointed sons who serve him throughout their lives on earth.

[Question] What will happen to the man who keeps on enduring trials for his faith?

[Question] What is the value of this, in relation to material things now?

2· Happy are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, since the kingdom of the heavens belongs to them. (Matthew 5:10)

[Question] What are those who have been persecuted for righteousness sake, for what belongs to them?

3· Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you meet with various trials. (James 1:2)

[Question] How should anointed Christians view the trials coming upon them?

4· From this time on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me as a reward in that day, yet not only to me, but also to all those who have loved his manifestation. (2 Timothy 4:8)

[Question] What did Paul feel was his reward for the things he had suffered through in his ministry?

5· And when the chief shepherd has been made manifest, you will receive the unfadable crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:4)

[Question] What crown do anointed Christians hope to gain, and when?

- 6· **Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)**

[Question] How should anointed Christians feel about the suffering that lies ahead of them?

[Question] What things await them, if they remain faithful through it all?

- 7· **Listen, my beloved brothers. God chose the ones who are poor respecting the world, to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him, did he not? (James 2:5)**

[Question] Who primarily has Yehowah God chosen from among the world of mankind, to be part of the Kingdom?

- 8· **And the offspring of his servants themselves will inherit it, and those loving his name will be the ones to reside in it. (Psalms 69:36)**

[Question] Who will be the ones to live under the Kingdom?

- 9· **And the foreigners that have joined themselves to Yehowah to minister to him and to love the name of Yehowah, in order to become servants to him, all those keeping the Sabbath in order not to profane it, and laying hold of my covenant. (Isaiah 56:6)**

[Question] Who is also invited to become a part of Yehowah's people, and serve him acceptably?

- 10· **Endurance, in turn, produces an approved condition, the approved condition, in turn, hope. (Romans 5:4)**

[Question] What does endurance later result in for anointed Christians?

- 11· **Moreover, every man taking part in a contest exercises self-control in all things. Now they, of course, do it that**

they may get a corruptible **green crown**, but we an incorruptible one. (1 Corinthians 9:25)

[Question] Why do anointed Christians exercise self-control?

- 12· If you are being reproached for the name of Christ, you are happy, because the spirit of glory, even the spirit of God, is resting upon you. (1 Peter 4:14)

[Question] Why should anointed Christians be happy when reproached for the name of the Christ?

- 13· I am coming quickly. Keep on holding fast what you have, that no one may take your **green crown**. (Revelation 3:11)

[Question] What counsel does Christ give to keep holding fast to, and why?