

James 1:2~ Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you meet with various trials.

- 1· James opens by encouraging his anointed Christian brothers to joyfully accept the tribulations that they are suffering through as followers of Jesus Christ. This suffering like that of Christ's, is proof of God's righteous calling of them, and works for their benefit.

[Question] How does James open his counsel, and what encouragement does he give?

[Question] What is their suffering as anointed Christians, a proof of?

- 2· Rejoice and leap for joy, since your reward is great in the heavens, for in that way, they persecuted the prophets prior to you. (**Matthew 5:12**)

[Question] Why should anointed Christians rejoice and leap for joy, over what wrong treatment of them, and why?

- 3· These, therefore, went their way from before the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy to be dishonored in behalf of his name. (**Acts of Apostles 5:41**)

[Question] How did the apostles feel, when they were dishonored in behalf of Christ, by the Jewish religious leaders?

- 4· 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] What rests upon all anointed Christians who are suffering reproach for the name of Christ?

- 5· Happy are you when people reproach you and persecute you and lyingly say every sort of wicked thing against you for my sake. (**Matthew 5:11**)

[Question] How did Jesus Christ show how anointed Christians should feel, when they are reproached for his sake?

- 6· Happy is the man that keeps on enduring trial, because on becoming approved he will receive the crown of life, which Yehowah promised to those who continue loving him.

(James 1:12)

[Question] What does James show is the reward for enduring trial, and who gives this fine reward?

- 7· **On the contrary, go on rejoicing forasmuch as you are sharers in the sufferings of the Christ, that you may rejoice and be overjoyed also during the revelation of his glory. (1 Peter 4:13)**

[Question] If anointed Christians rejoice under suffering now, then what can they also look forward to in heaven later?