

Biblical Truth Ministries

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James 17

“A Promise Specifically For Those Who Love God”

James 1:12

The main reason we can face pain, suffering and any other hardships today is because of our faith-rest derived from trusting in God's promise of good times tomorrow. James 1:12 is not a command, a wish or hopeful benediction type expression; it's a simple statement of fact. God is the Source of the grace gift known as the 'Crown of Life' and He has providentially allowed the trials through which this eternal gift comes to us. This character trait of unbridled lack of restraint fits many people today. The joy that James speaks of which is both internal and external is impossible to achieve if it relies on the attainment of pleasant circumstances as its source. The reason why God can prosper a mature believer with a maximum expression of His grace is because he has the capacity to appreciate God's blessings without forgetting Who provided them. We are imperfect and we cannot love perfectly, so thank the Good Lord above that His love for us does not depend upon our love for Him. God Himself is the motivating factor in our personal love for Him; *1Jn4:19*. Love requires maximum focus or concentration; it's the most exclusive system of expression available to man and human love must be based on integrity if it's to be of any value. We cannot love God unless we know Him and we cannot know Him unless we've processed enough pertinent biblical truth related to Him.