James #3

Momentum testing for spiritual growth.

Open back up in the book of James chapter one RF.

Jam 1:1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

[Jas 1:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/2/s_1147002) Consider it all joy, my brothers *and sisters,* when you encounter various trials,

Count it all joy when you fall into various trials- James regarded trials as inevitable.

The word of GOD tells us adversity and trials will occur. He said when, not if you fall into various trials.

 Adversity and trials are occasions for applying BD - particularly faith rest.

It is not a time of resignation or despair; it is a challenge, a time for Biblical Problem-solving devices. We can count it all joy; meaning having a calm assurance a peace from God in the midst of trials because they are used to produce greater skills like patience.

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Remember this is a building block lesson, similar to the ones the Apostle Paul taught many times.

/[Jas 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/3/s_1147003) knowing **that the testing** of your faith **produces endurance**.\

[Jas 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/4/s_1147004) And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

/Some of the most common testing GOD places in the path of a Christian revolve around; system testing, people testing, disaster testing, prosperity testing and thought testing. It is all related to momentum testing for spiritual growth. God ordains these types of tests in eternity past for all Christians. Many times, HE allows cosmic system adversity or satanic challenges in our life to give us opportunities for growth and self- awareness.\

The other reason God allows these types of tests, is to give the chance for a positive Bel to glorify GOD in the angelic conflict.

Which in turn leads to great blessings and rewards.

Turn to 1Peter chapter one RF.

/Avoiding spiritual growth and folding under pressure repeatedly, leaves the Christian in a lifestyle of weakness. Living a completely ineffective spiritual life and becoming a POW in spiritual warfare. It is a victory for Satan and it ensures a lack of blessings, crowns and rewards in the end.\

Testing is very important in our steps on the journey into maturity.

Testing is equivalent to becoming a witness for the plan of GOD – all Christians are called into the legal office of witness for the prosecution against the fallen angels.

TLJC is the key witness, the main witness in human history against Satan. The Bel becomes a witness as well and the third is the witness of Christian marriage.

Testing is an intricate part of the plan of God.

/Jam 1:3 *knowing that testing*- *dokimion,*

To bring forth proof, to experiment with a purpose of an end result. To be put to a test of trustworthiness, or examined as to gauge a person’s growth or knowledge. To find and examine the value of something or someone.\

DOE-KEY-ME-ON, this means a test or an experiment, with the result of something solid…it points to proof in the end.

This will lead us into a series on the Doctrine of Momentum testing.

I am certain it will be a four-or-five-part series, perhaps longer…so, as I always say, buckle up buttercup.

/The Apostle Peter spent his last ten years in Rome, often referred to as Babylon, because of the decadent lifestyle of the culture. This is an open letter for ALL Christians about living in the power and grace of God. Despite the attacks growing against Christianity everywhere, riots, government opposition and division among families was now a common occurrence for Christians.\

This first letter was written about 3 years before he was executed – he may have been executed upside down as some historians claim.

 Many Christian scholars claim he insisted that he be executed in this fashion.

A running theme in this letter is SUFFERING and GLORY. The main purpose of this epistle was to strengthen the readers so they would persevere through their persecution with the right attitude.

The Apostle Peter begins the letter by recognizing all Christians as strangers in a lost and dying world – all Christians are citizens of heaven.

1Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The grace plan of GOD has saved all humanity, all they need to do is to turn to Christ for salvation.

Some scholars call this a Doxology, meaning a type of poem or psalm dedicated to GOD, it is set up like a worship song.

/[1Pe 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1pe/1/4/s_1152004) to *obtain* **an inheritance** *which is* **imperishable**, **undefiled**, and **will not fade away, reserved** in heaven for you,

Every Christian will obtain a great inheritance. Heaven will be the final portion of all, but rewards will vary. (1Cor 3:14-15, 2Cor 5:10, 2John 8)\

There is nothing that can touch the gifts of GOD, in other words - outside forces do not remove the grace gifts of God.

/ Our divine inheritance is untouched by death, unstained by evil, unimpaired by time. Escrow blessings and 40 grace gifts are all portions of Grace Gifts from God’s plan. The final portion is heaven itself. Believers can damage aspects of certain blessings, in many cases never receive the full blessings already given to them, because of negativity toward God. Yet outside forces can never touch what God has given you – salvation is one eternal blessing that can NEVER be compromised or lost.\

That is seen in the doctrine of eternal security.

The Apostle Peter is highlighting what we receive because of our union with Christ. He wants Bels scattered across the world who are enduring adversity to remember what has already been given to them!

/The Christian who serves Jesus Christ faithfully now, so they may be entrusted with significant opportunities in His coming kingdom, is not necessarily trying to earn rewards for his or her own glory.

In fact, God always looks at the heart - so any motivation that is corrupted by the flesh is rejected by the justice system of God.\

[1Pe 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1pe/1/5/s_1152005) who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The Greek term means to be guarded to be protected, in a military fashion by the very power of GOD!

/[1Pe 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1pe/1/6/s_1152006) **In this you greatly rejoice**, even though now **for a little while**, **if** necessary, **you have been distressed** by various **trials**,

*IF* - is in a Greek first-class condition – this is true! It is necessary in the devil’s world, there is a spiritual warfare raging around all of us.\

The BD in the soul is what gives you great peace and calm assurance.

As you grow spiritually, you will learn to rejoice in the challenges of this life.

Once real spiritual maturity unfolds in the life of a Believer, they actually can enjoy the attacks of the kingdom of darkness.

They love the tests and protection and they find a pleasant assurance in all of God’s grace gifts.

/1Pet 1:6 – *you greatly rejoice*, *agalliaō,*

Be visibly happy and enjoy yourself! This is because YOU KNOW what HE has done for you and HOW HE protects you. This begins once a Christian fully digests doctrines like eternal security, mystery doctrine, true grace and problem-solving devices.\

AH-GALL-EE-OT-OH, this means a real celebration, not just a calm peace.

This is what the apostles displayed in Acts chapter 5 – ‘we must obey God rater than man’.

Only a Bel who has advanced from the two power options becoming woven into their daily lives can have this care-free attitude in the devil’s world.

It takes a super-grace mature Bel to rejoice when adversity strikes.

Many of these scriptures are set up in the present tense – the Bel keeps pressing forward in this calm assurance, this spiritual growth.

/[1Pe 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1pe/1/7/s_1152007) so that the **proof** of your faith, *being* **more precious than gold which perishes though tested by fire,** may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

The testing of a Bel’s faith is a part of the journey toward maturity. Testing leads to proof of where a Christian stands – not for the sake of GOD, HE already knows!\

Gold can perish – BD will remain for all of eternity – the WORD is TLJC it is eternal.

The Bel going through differing forms of Momentum Testing can understand their own growth – this may lead to glorification of GOD because you followed HIS plan and HIS calling.

You have victories because doctrine resident in the soul came forth as wisdom in your life. That leads to GOD being able to recognize your capacity which means blessings and rewards are released. REPEAT

GOD is glorified by blessing you!

/[1Pe 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1pe/1/8/s_1152008) and **though you have not seen Him, you love Him**, and though you **do not see Him now, but believe in Him**, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

Virtue love is only seen when a Christian is walking in union with Christ – it a response to truth, grace and intimacy with God.\

Your faith is an inhale of truth - your lifestyle should be an example of the exhale of the truth from same faith.

We do not see the physical presence of Christ and yet we have his very mind – the completed canon of scripture.

Just as we became born again and saved, we press onward into our walk by faith.

Our focus and faith in BD, tells GOD we are loving, respecting and worshipping HIM.

[1Pe 1:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1pe/1/9/s_1152009) obtaining as the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Verses 7-8 — tells us; The testing for blessing of your faith, is of much greater value than gold which can be destroyed, though it (the testing for blessing) receives testing through fire, the testing for the Bel, may be found to result in higher praise, glory, greater blessings and honor at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

This will happen at the judgment seat of Christ for CA Bels after the Rapture. The bema seat judgment is mentioned in 2Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10, Colossians 3:24… among a few other NT scriptures.

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Though we do not see Christ standing before us each day we trust and know HIS word and all that HE accomplished.

Our relationship is with TLJC – intimacy with the completed canon of scripture in time.

/1Pet 1:9 *obtaining (komizō)* as the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Different receiving than verse 8 – this is a present, middle, participle of the verb *komizō*, a word which means to receive back with interest.\

KUM-EED-ZO, to receive something back or gain something you already had, now it comes back with the full abundance.

It has the concept of receiving back what is promised but to receive it back with interest.

It is not only a matter of seeing a promise fulfilled but of seeing more than anticipated – your faithfulness in the plan of GOD, reveals blessings that will be even more abundant than you first realized.

/This means in the temporal walk, stage two of salvation, you have increased upon something. You know you already received incredible blessings from stage one of salvation - baptism of the HS at moment of salvation (40 grace gifts). 1Pet 1:9 is speaking to the abundance beyond what you knew was coming – the compounded interest, because of a temporal life that brought forth incredible FRUIT (precious gemstones).\

So then in phase three of the salvation portion of God’s plan (the Christian in eternity) they receive a resurrection body and they have abundant glory and honor.

This is more than anticipated, it is a uniform of greater glory and authority then some others in resurrected bodies.

It is equivalent in a military sense, to standing next to a decorated hero and one who now is given greater rank and shining medals upon their uniform from their combat experience. Both solders may have fought in the same battle. Yet one is now given higher rank and honor because, he/she stood strong under combat pressure, while the other did enough to simply survive.

 /The moment you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ you begin to receive back with interest. Once a person has a saved soul his soul is eternally secured, it is not fulfilled, resurrection life is assured. The fulfilment of the soul is accomplished in phase two (temporal) with the end result received in phase three (heaven). If the Believer makes enough decisions to take in Bible doctrine, walk in the new nature allowing GOD’s plan to come to fruition in their life, that interest or abundance is compounded to greater heights. \

/1Pet 1:9 - Remember that “*receiving back with interest”* is in a present tense. It means it is a constant thing. The middle voice: you receive the greater benefits; the participle is pointing to the Plan of God which is based upon grace. In eternity past, GOD put aside abundant blessings and rewards for all of us. \

The depth of your relationship with the LORD determines your capacity to receive all that was already done for you and given to you!