

1 Peter 1 Facing Trials

Introduction: There are a lot of similarities between James 1 and 1 Peter 1.

I) Both are written to a select group of people Jews who lived outside of Palestine.

A) James calls them the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad. Peter calls them the “ _____ ”. (1 Peter 1:1)

1. The dispersion is mentioned in the Gospel of John. (John 7:35)
2. We read about Jews from various nations at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2.8ff

3 The _____ or _____ widows in Acts 6:1

B) Peter goes on and speaks of _____ 1 Peter 1:2

1. By the “ _____ of God” and sanctification in “ _____ ”
2. Peter continues to speak of the “living hope in the _____ ” verse 3; **the inheritance that does not fade away** , verse 4; and **we are kept by the power of God through _____ f o r salvation**, verse 5.

II) James 1, 1 Peter 1 Speaks of Trials

A) When you endure _____ trials (James); grieved by _____ trials (Peter)

1. Not if but when- life is full of trials. .

B) Count it all _____ (James), _____ in your salvation if you are grieved by various trials (Peter).

1. Joy and trials don't seem to go together.
2. Simple fact everyone has trials. “(Romans 8:20-22)

III) Four Truths About Trials

A) Trials are _____ 1 Peter 1:6a

1. Sometimes trials are God's way of getting our attention. Psalms 119:67; 119:71
2. The scriptures speaks of the “ _____ of the Lord” Hebrews 12:5 .
 - a. James 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
 - b. Case of King Manasseh. 2 Chronicles 33:12 -13

B) Trials are _____ 1 Peter 1:6b

1. They are distressing because they are _____ . .
2. They are _____ .

C) Trials comes in _____ 1 Peter 1:6; James 1:2,

1. Various or diverse comes from *poikilos*.
2. Your trial may be your sin and its consequences. (Psalms 51:3)
3. If may be someone else's sin against you and harboring ill feelings. (Matthew 6:14-15)

D) Trials have a _____ -- maturity (1 Peter 1:7) (1 Peter 5:6-7)

1. Testing by fire – shows whether our faith is genuine or fake.
2. Will we melt under fire or will we be purified and made stronger?

Conclusion: I can tell you who sympathizes with your trials, Jesus. Hebrews 4:15; Matthew 11:28-29