

“The Believer’s Attitude Toward Trouble.1”



EVIDENCES OF TRUE FAITH • part 2
James 1:2-12

INTRODUCTION

- precious stones in settings of gold
- James’ “from” and “to”
- when trouble walks in, do others distinctly see Christ in you?

1. The nature of troubles

- trouble is everywhere
Job 5:7; 14:1; Ps. 22:11; 2 Cor. 4:8-8; Jn 11:33; 12:27; 13:21
- trouble is variegated
1 Pet. 4:12
- trouble = trials & temptations

2. The purpose of troubles

- a. troubles _____ faith
– testing the purity of precious metals

– testing the purity of our faith

Is. 48:10; 1 Pet. 1:6-7

- b. troubles _____ faith

– trials produce endurance

Ps. 97:10

– trials produce a mature trust

2 Tim. 1:12; 4:18; Jms. 1:12

CONCLUSION — *“all joy”*