



### ***“A Double Blessing”***

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**Introduction** – *We’ve been looking at “Blessed is the one” statements in the Bible that promise a little taste of heaven if we heed the description that follows. Today we will look at two blessings that ironically lead to Joy.*

#### ***I. The Reason for Joy in Trials.***

- A. God does something good – our spiritual maturity.
- B. What it means to be spiritually mature.
- C. Trials will test our faith. What does that mean?
  - 1. Doubts and questions arise.
  - 2. What do we really believe?
- D. We can’t grow without a struggle.
- E. Trials can help our faith grow purer, stronger, and closer to God.
- F. Trials can correct our misconceptions about God.
- G. The Greek word for trial is the same word used for temptation to sin.

#### ***II. The Reward for Enduring Trials.***

- A. First, the blessing of spiritual maturity. (James 1:4)
- B. Second, the blessing of eternal reward in heaven. (James 1:12)

#### ***III. The Realization of Joy in Trials.***

- A. When going through a trial we learn the quality and strength of our faith by how we respond.
- B. James shows us some responses of a weak faith that do not result in joy.
  - 1. Doubt (1:6-8)
  - 2. Pride (1:9-11)
  - 3. Blaming God (1:13-16)
  - 4. Anger (1:19-20)
- C. The key to experiencing joy by persevering under trial is how we respond to the Word of God. (1:22-25)
  - 1. Receive it with meekness and do it.
  - 2. Or, walk away and do nothing.
- D. When you go through a trial, do two things immediately.
  - 1.
  - 2.

***Conclusion.***