

James 1:9-11

Poor Man, Rich Man

1. Setting the Context and Initial Observations:

- a. Following James' train of thought in 1:2-15.
- b. Our socio-economic position is a great source of _____ -1:27
- c. Differing _____ demand differing _____. -Rom 12:3; 1 Thes 5:14

2. God's Wisdom to the Lowly Brother: (9)

- a. He must _____ in his _____ position:
 - i. God _____ him to be _____ in faith. -2:5; 2 Cor 8:9
 - ii. God _____ him to be an _____ of the kingdom. -Jer 9:23-24
- b. He must not _____ himself the way the world does. -4:3-10
- c. He must be _____ of the likely temptations of the lowly:
 - i. Theft, envy, impatience, and grumbling. -2:1; 5:7-9; Prov 30:8-9
 - ii. Hopelessness, discontentment, and shame. -2:6; 5:10

3. God's Wisdom to the Rich: (10-11)

- a. He must _____ in his _____:
 - i. He is as _____ and _____ as the flowering grass:
 1. The grass withers, its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. -Is 40:6-8
 2. So will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. -4:13-17
 - ii. His _____ is found in his innate _____. -Is 40:15-18
- b. He must not _____ himself the way the world does. -2:1-4
- c. He must be _____ of the deadly dangers of wealth:
 - i. Self-_____ and self-_____. -2:1-6
 - ii. Self-_____ and self-_____. -4:13-17
 - iii. Love of the _____ and _____ in his wealth. -4:3-5
 - iv. _____ and _____. -2:6-7; 5:1-6

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Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.