

## **Broken But Secure**

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James 1:9-12

### **Reading**

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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.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

### **Prayer**

### **Review**

Last week we looked at James 1:19-27: Meekness, Mirror and Mission

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Closed On a beatitude from Jesus Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:5

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Today I want to start with drawing your attention to another beatitude

Matthew 5:3

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The more I read through James' writings the more I am convinced that Jesus' sermon is where James is drawing his teaching from.

Poor in Spirit is double entendre (In a way): One literal thought followed by a risky or edgy thought in one phrase.

-The fact that the revelation that you are morally bankrupt therefore poor in spirit

-But a second thought when you look at the culture of Jesus day and ours.

- if you are lame, poor, broken you must not be blessed of God

- Jesus says you have to have the spirit of the poor. Humble, just happy to be included.

*We must be poor in Spirit*

We started in James with some Truths About Trails

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How are we Broken But Secure?

**Boast in Your Salvation**

**James 1:9–12**

9 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.

We are in the context of Trails here,

Trails of Life are in many ways an equalizer of Men.

Just as God's grace, and Justice are:

Romans 2:10–12

10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

11 For God shows no partiality.

12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

**Broken But an Heir**

V9 Let the Lowly rejoice in the Fact that his exaltation in Christ:

You are an Heir

Press On toward the Crown

James 1:12

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Boast in Your Salvation

I knew a missionary in college in Syria He had scars on His Back from Acid

Rafa Dad

**Broken For His Name**

V10 The Rich rejoice when He is made Low for Christ by Trails, God is faithful in sanctifying His saints.

The stuff of this world will pass away:

1 John 2:17

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Rich rejoice in your humiliation when it comes

## Boast in Your Salvation

### **Blessed Are The Remaining**

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We must **BOAST IN OUR SALVATION!** It is the only thing that will last after this world!

James is quoting Is 40:6-8

**Isaiah 40:6–8**

6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Poor man rejoice you belong to God and Rich man rejoice when you lose all for Christ.

-It is all temporary

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### Be POOR in Spirit! BOAST IN OUR SALVATION

V12 BOAST in your salvation in Trails!

There is so much correlation from the Beatitudes here!!!!

**Matthew 5:4**

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

**Matthew 5:10–11**

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

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This Crown

It is what the 4-20 Elders Cast at Jesus Feet

**Revelation 4:10–11**

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,  
11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

### THEOLOGY NOTE

#### Perseverance of the Saints

2 Timothy 4:7–8

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

This crown is a Glory of Christ Working in US: **WHY DO THE SAVE REMAIN STEADFAST?????**

It is Christ Who:

He Holds US:

John 10:28–29

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

Sealed With The Spirit

Ephesians 4:30

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

God Set His Love On YOU

Romans 8:38–39

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prepares Us For Good Works

Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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God has promised to those who love him.

2 Timothy 4:8 Already Quoted

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John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Pilgrims Progress While in prison for preaching the Gospel without States Permission!

Christian Journey to the Celestial City: Christain Witness a Preacher of the Gospel Loose all for the Cause of Christ... Valiant

[Valiant-forTruth] Then said he, "I am going to my Father's; and though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who now will be my rewarder."

When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the river-side, into which as he went he said, "Death, where is thy sting?" And as he went down deeper, he said, "Grave, where is thy victory?" So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

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**Benediction**

Philippians 3:7-14

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.