Date: September 27, 2026 **Pastor: Asa Hart**

Title: "God Shall Supply All That You Need"

Series: James **Text: James 1:9-18**

Main point: *To be perfected we must think rightly, love rightly, and trust rightly.*

To be perfected, we must...

I. **Think** rightly, vv. 8-11 *(see also Ps. 1:3-4; 37:1-7; 73:1-28; Is. 40:6-8; Jer. 9:23-24; 12:1-4; Luke 6:23-24; 16:19-31; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)*

II. **Love** rightly, vs. 12 *(see also Ps. 1; Dan. 12:12-13; Matt. 5:1-12; 10:22; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 12:3-13; Jas. 5:11; 1 Jn. 4:17-21; Rev. 2:10; 3:11)*

III. **Trust** rightly, vv. 13-18 *(see also Num. 23:19; Job 15:35; Ps. 7:14; 85:12; Jer. 2:3; Mal. 3:1-6; Matt. 6:30-34; Jn. 1:13; 3:13; 4:10; 6:38; 1 Tim. 4:4; Jas. 3:13-18)*

Questions for Reflection

1. Read James 1:9-18. What words or themes do we see repeated in this section from vv. 2-8? Given the repetition of these themes, where does the wisdom for endurance come from? Is the "rich man" in this passage a believer or an unbeliever? How does one boast in the right things? How does an eternal perspective give us humility concerning our possessions and achievements? How does eternal perspective keep us from coveting what has not be given to us? Read Matthew 6:30-34. Do you find yourself coveting other positions or predicaments? What does this tell us about our faith?

2. Read Psalm 1. What makes the righteous man stable and fruitful? How are the wicked different than this man? If love "endures all things" (1 Cor. 13:7), what do trials reveal about those who fall away from the faith on account of such trials? According to Jas. 1:12, what do those who endure receive? Recount a trial in your life. What did it look like while you were in the midst of the trial? How did that trial strengthen your faith? How can this encourage you for the trials yet to come?

3. Why does James use the same word for "trials" when he speaks of being "tempted" in vv. 13-15? How might trials "tempt" us toward unbelief? Why then does James turn our attention to the unchanging character of God in this context? How does God giving good gifts connect to the prayers in the midst of trials in vv. 2-5? Read James 3:13-18. In our unredeemed and unsanctified state, what does our gut-level reaction to hardship look like? What does that reveal about what we are trusting in? What are the trials in your life revealing that needs to change in you?

4. Christ is speaking so that you might hear and in hearing you might turn to him, and in turning to him, he might heal you. What do you need to bring before him today?

NEXT WEEK: James 2:1-13, Andy McClellan

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