

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S JAMES

Part 2: Endurance and Wisdom

KNOWING THIS (James 1:3-4 NKJV)

- Trying of faith works patience
 1. Patience: to remain under, bearing up under, endurance
 2. Endurance deals more with situations
- Endurance is important
 1. How we run our race down here
 2. Endurance involves holding onto what we believe (*Hebrews 10:35-36 NKJV*)
 3. We have to believe something before we can endure (*Psalms 27:13 NKJV*)

FAITH, ENDURANCE AND WISDOM (James 1:5-8 NKJV)

- God does not want us lacking wisdom
 1. His Kingdom is one of light
 2. God does want us to ask for wisdom. (*Matthew 7:11 NKJV*)
 3. He is a God who gives (*Romans 8:31-32 NKJV*)
 4. The key is we have to receive
- Asking in faith
 1. Confident in what we expect, convinced of what we don't see
 2. Confident that God gives generously and is not disappointed
 3. Endurance comes into play
- The enemy of doubt
 1. Do not call yourself a doubter
 2. Doubt means to hesitate, to waver, be of two opinions
- Peter's example of doubt (*Matthew 14:26-32 NKJV*)
 1. Peter stepped out on Jesus' word to come
 2. He did walk on the water - spiritual things are real
 3. He started looking at the situation - caused fear and sinking
 4. Called out to Jesus and was helped
 5. Jesus asked him why he doubted