

**June 7, 2013 Messianic Service**  
**Excavating the Epistles**  
**James: Growing Through Trials**  
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**TORAH PORTION**

Deuteronomy 8:15 -18

15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the L-RD your G-d, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

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**SERVICE PORTION**

James 1:2 - 4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

- 1) Consider trials pure joy
- 2) You are developing spiritual stamina

It says of Yeshua, Luke 2:52 And Yeshua grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with G-d and man.

It says of John the Baptist

Luke 1:80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

- 3) Stop going around the same mountain
- 4) Let perseverance complete its work
- 5) You will be mature and complete, lacking nothing

Jeremiah 6:27 – 30

I have made you a tester of metals and my people are the ore,  
that you may observe and test their ways.

28 They are all hardened rebels, going about to slander.

They are bronze and iron; they all act corruptly.

29 The bellows blow fiercely to burn away the lead with fire,  
but the refining goes on in vain; the wicked are not purged out.

30 They are called rejected silver, because the L-RD has rejected them."

1Peter 1: 6-9

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer  
grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your  
faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may  
result in praise, glory and honor when Yeshua the Messiah is revealed. 8 Though you  
have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe  
in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the  
end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.