

The Trial of Poverty and Wealth

James 1:9-11

(series #4)

Intro: foundational truths about trials, tests, temptations

- Trials are the subject of verses 2-11
- Temptations are the subject of verses 13-15
- The test of poverty and wealth, Pro. 30:8-9
- The instruction to the rich, 1st Timothy 6:17-19
- The example of Joseph in Gen. 41

I. The Exhortation to the Poor v. 9

- A. The poor have an exalted position
- B. 1st Corinthians 1:26-29

II. The Exhortation to the Rich vv. 10-11

- A. The rich have been bought to humility
- B. Matthew 19:23

Conclusion: Trials & death are the great equalizer

- trials bring us to dependence on God
- once death comes, all that matters is our spiritual condition