



June 9

Trials & Thorns

TODAY'S TREASURES



Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ~ JAMES 1:12 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ~ JAMES 1:2-3 (NIV)

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. ~ 1 PETER 1:6-7 (NLT)

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.
~ 1 PETER 4:12-13 (NLT)

Because of the surpassing greatness *and* extraordinary nature of the revelations [which I received from God], for this reason, to keep me from thinking of myself as important, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, to torment *and* harass me—to keep me from exalting myself! ~ 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7 (AMP)

MORE TREASURES

Genesis 3:17-19; Matthew 27:27-31; Luke 22:24-30; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10;
Philippians 4:4; 2 Peter 2:9; James 1:2-8

PRAYER

*Lord, I see that my perspective during trials is so important! It's like Abraham Lincoln said, "We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice that thorn bushes have roses."
I choose joy! Amen!*