

James Series Going Deeper

5- Day Devotional

Week 4, Day 2: Hidden Riches of the Lowly

Verse of the Day

Primary Scripture: James 1:9

9Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, **10**and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. **11**For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Primary Focus Statement:

Those who are low in the world are lifted high in Christ, and when you truly understand your identity in Him, you stop living from what you lack and start living from the fullness of who you already are. Your position in Christ is greater than any position on earth, and it is meant to shape your confidence, your joy, and the way you see your life.

Devotional Teaching

James speaks directly to those who are lowly in worldly terms and gives them a command that seems completely upside down. Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation. In a culture that celebrates wealth, status, and influence, this statement challenges everything we naturally believe about value and worth.

To be lowly in this context means to lack position, resources, or recognition. It is to feel overlooked, unseen, or even forgotten. The natural response in that place is discouragement, comparison, or striving to become something more. But James does not tell the lowly to strive. He tells them to boast. Not in what they have but in who they are in Christ.

In Christ, the lowly are not overlooked. They are chosen. They are not forgotten. They are known. They are not lacking. They are filled with every spiritual blessing. This is the great reversal of the Kingdom of God. What the world sees as low, God has lifted high.

This does not mean circumstances immediately change. It means perspective must change. When you begin to see yourself through the lens of eternity instead of the lens of the world, everything shifts. You stop chasing validation from people and start resting in the approval of

God. You stop measuring your life by what you lack and start living from what you already have in Jesus.

The danger for the lowly is not their position. It is believing the lie that their position defines them. The truth is that your identity is anchored in Christ, not your circumstances. You are exalted because you belong to Him.

When this truth takes root, it produces deep joy, unshakable confidence, and true humility. You no longer need to prove yourself because you already know who you are.

Reflection Questions

Where have you allowed your circumstances to define your identity?

Do you truly believe you are exalted in Christ?

How would your attitude and outlook change if you lived from that truth?

Action Step

Take time to meditate on your identity in Christ. Speak it out loud and let it reshape how you see your life today.