



BIBLICAL EXPOSITION

The Whole Counsel of God for the Whole People of God



PSALM 107

1 For he commandeth the storm, and he stilleth the stormy wind.
2 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is vexed because of trouble.
3 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
4 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distress.
5 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
6 Then are they glad because they be quiet, so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
7 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
8 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
9 He turneth rivers into wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground.
10 A fruitful land into wilderness, because of the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
11 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into meadows.
12 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation, and prepare a city for habitation, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.
13 And they shall greatly increase, and they shall multiply exceedingly.

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40 He poureth contempt upon the rich, and setteth the lowly upon high: from affliction and high torments like a cloud he is hid: the righteous shall be hid, and rejoice: and all shall say, Whom is wise, and shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

PSALM 108

1 A song or psalm of David.
2 O Lord, my heart is lifted up, and I will praise thee, O Lord, because thou hast exalted me above all mine enemies, and thou hast lifted me up above all mine adversaries.
3 Thou hast exalted me above the clouds: and thou hast said, My servant shall be exalted above the clouds.
4 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
5 O Lord, thou hast said, My servant shall be exalted above the clouds.
6 That they beloved thy name, and shall dwell in thy house for ever.
7 My heart hath spoken in the midst of me, saying, I will praise thee, O Lord, because thou hast exalted me above all mine enemies, and thou hast lifted me up above all mine adversaries.
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Explaining and Applying New Testament Letters



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OBSERVE

- Observe the Text.

- Read the text at least ten times, preferably using multiple translations.
- Note key words: repeated words, unfamiliar words, word pictures, connectors, and theological terms.
- Record questions that arise.



- Observe the Text.
 - Create a structural diagram of the passage.

James 1:2-4 ESV

(You) Count it all joy,
my brothers,
when you meet trials of various kinds,
for you know that the testing of your faith produces
steadfastness.

And let steadfastness have its full effect,
that you may be perfect
and
complete,
lacking in nothing.



INTERPRET



- Define Key Words.
 - Use a Bible dictionary such as blueletterbible.com
 - Click on *Strong's Concordance*.
 - Scroll down to *Thayer's Greek Lexicon*.
 - Check *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (TDNT).
- Explore the Literary Context (the *words* around the text).
 - Read the passages immediately before and after your text, looking for repeated ideas or words or for teaching that sheds light on your text.



- Investigate the Historical Context (the *world* around the text).
 - Discover what was going on in the lives of the readers to further clarify the meaning as they would have understood it.
 - Resources: A study Bible, contemporary books of the Bible, *Nelson's Book of Bible Maps and Charts*, Bible dictionaries or encyclopedias, or Old or New Testament introductions.
- Interpret the Meaning of Phrases and Key Ideas.
 - Consult commentaries: <https://bestcommentaries.com>.
 - Attempt to summarize the key ideas in your own words.



- State the Main Idea of the Text.
 - Determine the subject of the text: What is the author talking about?
 - Determine the complement of the text: What is the author saying about what he's talking about?
 - State the big idea in one historical third person sentence.



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- Develop a Passage (Exegetical) Outline.
 - Use the diagram to write the outline, using the main ideas as the main points of the outline and the subordinate ideas as the subpoints.

Sample: Passage Outline of James 1:2-4 (based on previous diagram)

I. James exhorts his readers to rejoice (1:2-3).

A. The time of rejoicing is in the midst of trials (1:2b).

B. The cause of rejoicing is that testing produces endurance (1:3).

II. James exhorts his readers to endure (1:4)

A. The first result is that the reader might be perfect.

B. The second result is that the readers might be complete.

C. The third result is that the readers might lack in nothing.



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DEVELOP

- State the Main Idea of the Message.
 - This is a current-day expression of the main idea of the text.

(MIT) James exhorted the scattered believers to rejoice in trials, knowing that God was maturing them as they persevered.

(MIM) Keep rejoicing when life hurts because God is growing you!



- Structure the Message Outline.
 - The message points should be current-day expressions of the main ideas of the text.
 - Each message should be logically related to the main idea of the message.
 - Each main point should come directly from the text (not from secondary texts).



Sample: Message Outline of James 1:2-4

I. Rejoice in Times of Trial (1:2-3)

II. Endure in Times of Trial (1:4)



- **Develop the Body of the Message.**
 - **Explanation (you've already studied it; now you're organizing it to teach)**
 - Helps listeners understand what the text is saying
 - Includes word meanings and interpretation of key ideas
 - Should be clear and support the message division
 - **Argumentation**
 - Addresses barriers to understanding or accepting truth contained in the text
 - **Illustration**
 - Uses analogies and examples to help listeners understand what the text means or how the text applies
 - **Application**
 - Describing how the truth of the text impacts people's individual lives



- Prepare an Introduction.

- Establish rapport.
- Arrest attention.
- Create a need.
- Offer an answer.
- Direct to the text.

- Craft a Conclusion.

- Restate the message idea.
- Review the main points.
- Exhort your listeners to a response of obedience, trust, or gratitude.



Applications

The Definition of Application

- Application is showing the listener how to respond to the truth in the text.
- “The process whereby the expositor takes a biblical truth of the text and applies it to the lives of [her] audience, proclaiming why it is relevant for their lives, and passionately encouraging them to make necessary changes in their lives in a manner congruent with the original intent of the author” (*Engaging Exposition*, p171).



The Need for and Aim of Application

- Too often preachers and teachers assume that the listener will make the connection between scriptural truth and her everyday life.
- Application focuses Scripture on the needs of the listener.
- The audience needs help asking and answering “so what?” and “now what?”



The Need for and Aim of Application

- Text-based application requires a decision on the part of the listener.
 - Salvation requires a personal decision to believe.
 - Sanctification requires personal choices of obedience and growth.
- Application facilitates a change of heart and life.



The Development of Application

- Formulate and state a specific instruction that is derived from the text and that is contained in the message division.
- Weave application into the flow of the message, making an application at the end of each point.
- Make the application specific to the ages, stages of life, and challenges of your audience.



The Development of Application

- Think of one life situation in which your listeners can or should follow the instruction.
 - Be as specific and true-to-life as possible.
- Describe how a person in this situation will—
 - Believe the truth in the text.
 - Choose to follow the truth of the text.
 - Act according to the truth of the text.
 - Change to conform to the text.



The Development of Application

- Add several more real-life situations in which the truth applies. Refer to them briefly, not in detail.