

God's Answer Key

Lessons From the Lord's Brother Season 1

Core Message: This teaching from the book of James centers on enduring one's trials and being attentive to the voice of the Lord. Rabbi Schneider emphasizes that trials are a part of life and serve as divine opportunities for spiritual strengthening and advancement. Perseverance through difficult times proves our faithfulness and brings spiritual reward, including the "crown of life." Additionally, being "quick to hear" is a spiritual discipline that fosters sensitivity to God's Spirit, allowing us to live more obedient and fruitful lives. Remaining faithful and quieting our hearts to listen are essential to deepening our relationship with God.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

Core Memory Verse: (James 1:12) "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

- **(2 Corinthians 12:9)** "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."
 - **(James 1:19)** "This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger."
 - **(Psalm 46:10)** "Be still and know that I am God."
 - **(John 17:4)** "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do."
 - **(Matthew 28:19-20)** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you."
 - **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
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Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- “Joy is not first an _____, it’s a decision to praise God.”
- “The trial is a _____ ground for you in which you’re proving your fidelity.”
- “Life is a _____... you go from trial to being released from the trial.”
- “Testing produces _____.”
- “God wants us to be quick to hear and slow to _____.”
- “The Spirit of the Lord is _____ over our lives.”
- “Wait upon the _____. Yes, wait upon the Lord.”

Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

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Reflection Questions:

1. What current or past trial have you experienced where you saw God strengthen your faith?

2. How can you practice choosing joy during a difficult situation?

3. What are some practical ways you can become more “quick to hear” in your daily life?

4. In what ways have you sensed the Holy Spirit guiding you recently?

5. What might you gain from sitting quietly in his Presence and directing yourself to listen for His Spirit’s voice? Is this difficult?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Application Challenge of the Week: Set aside 15 minutes each day this week to sit quietly in spiritual reflection, free from distractions. Seek God and His leading.

(Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Thank God for the trials that have strengthened your faith.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to make you more sensitive to His voice.
- Praise God for being your provider and faithful guide.

Resources	Where to find it
Books by Rabbi K. A. Schneider <u>Entering His Presence</u>	https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/entering-his-presence/

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27 (