

WALK THE WALK

A serious look at the letter from James

James

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Lord. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its crop, and how patient he is about the early autumn and the late autumn.

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Aorist Imperative Active (a command)

To suffer long, to have patience, to forbear, to persevere

makrothyméō – long-tempered (to defer anger),
**refusing to retaliate with anger due to human reasoning
which does not comprehend the sovereign plan of God.**

The literal sense of the term is "extending a long time (way)."

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Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress — such as family and relationship problems, serious health problems or workplace and financial stressors.

It means "***bouncing back***" from difficult experiences.

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Several additional factors are associated with resilience, including:

- The capacity to make realistic yet faith-filled plans, and the ability to carry them out.
- A positive view of yourself and God, a confidence in your strengths and abilities as well as His.
- The ability to communicate honestly and utilize win/win problem solving.
- The capacity to manage strong feelings and impulses.

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- 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
- 3 For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
- 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence.

You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person.

He does not resist you.

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9 Do not let the day of wrath find you asleep, so that you, like the drunkard, will behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

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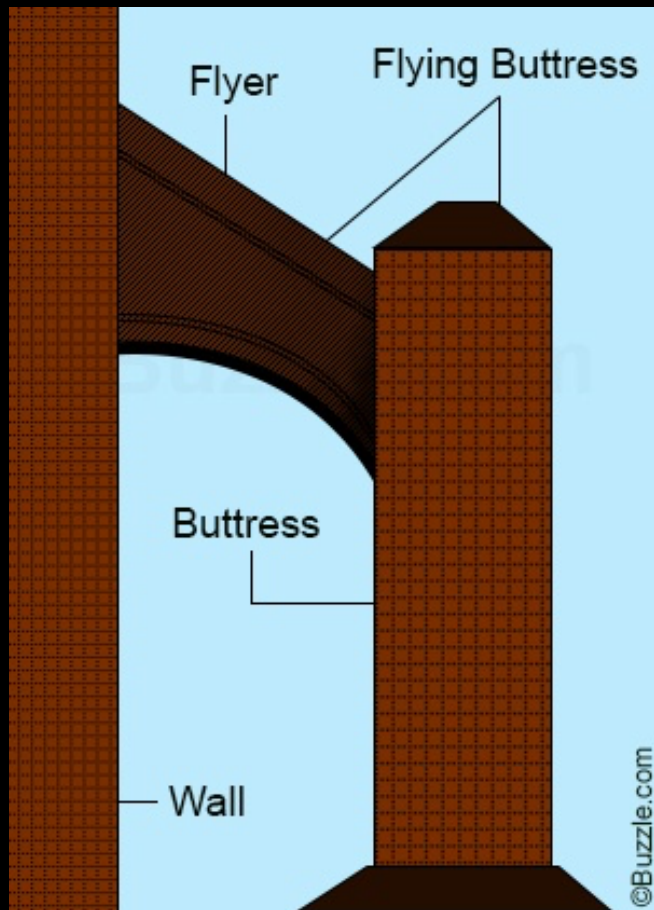
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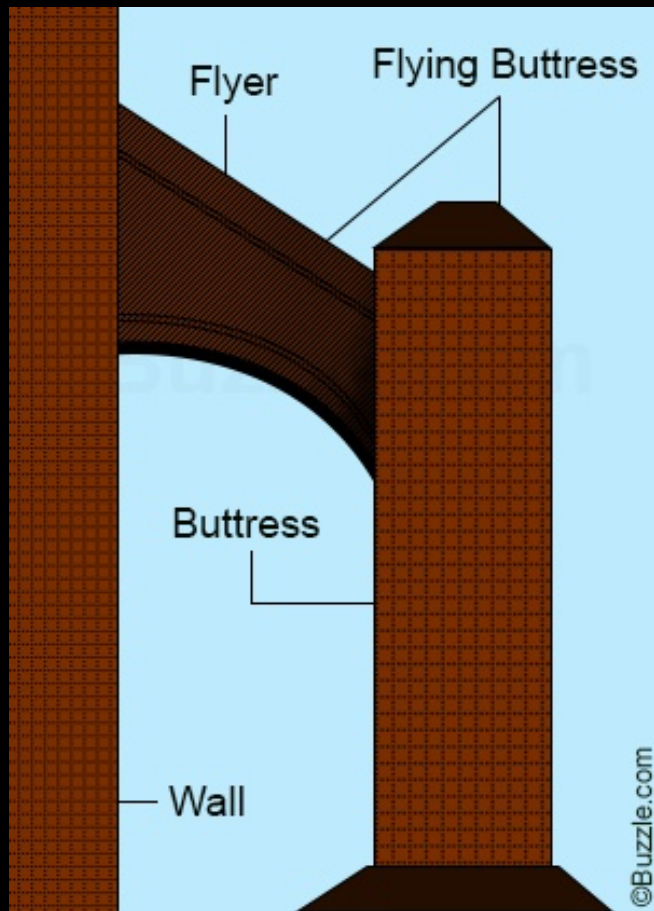
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To groan within oneself, to express grief, to have anger, or desire, to be full of grudge....

'a deep-seated resentment or ill will'.

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To lament for someone who seeks your help in the midst of their difficult situation.

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Job 19:25

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

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