

REAL FAITH FOR THE REAL WORLD

The Book of James

PART 5

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Comforted by the Character of God

(James 1:13-18)

INTRODUCTION:

PREVIOUSLY...

1. THE FIRST IMPERATIVE: SUFFER TRIALS JOYFULLY! (1:2-4)

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,....”

2. THE SECOND IMPERATIVE: SEEK WISDOM CONFIDENTLY! (1:5-8)

“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach,.... But he must ask in faith without any doubting,....”

3. THE THIRD IMPERATIVE: SEE LIFE DIFFERENTLY! (1:9-11)

“But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; ¹⁰ and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation,....”

THE BEATITUDE (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.”

- True blessedness comes not from being free from trials, but from being faithful through trials, recognizing that eternal life is both a current reality as well as a future reward.

HOWEVER...

**WE NOT ONLY FACE _____ IN THIS LIFE TO
OUR FAITH, BUT WE ALSO FACE _____ IN THIS LIFE THAT
CAN _____ OUR FAITH.**

1A. WHAT I MUST NEVER _____ : (1:13-15)

“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God.”

- **GOD IS _____ .**

1B. The Truth About _____ . (v. 13b)

“...for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.”

2B. The Truth About _____ . (v. 14)

“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.”

3B. The Truth About _____ . (v. 15)

“Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is fully matured, it brings forth death.”

2A. WHAT I MUST NEVER _____ : (1:16-18)

“Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”

● GOD IS _____ .

1B. God is good, and He is so _____ ! (v. 17)

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,....”

2B. God is good, and He is so _____ ! (v. 17b)

“... coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”

3B. God is good, and He is so _____ ! (v. 18)

“In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.”

CONCLUSION: