



Suffering, Temptations & Our Holy God

James 1:12-18

- 1) Trials are given to us by God to shape our character (1:12)
 - a) He has a reason to apply them
 - b) He has a right to implement them
 - c) He has a reward for faithfulness
- 2) Temptations to sin are not from God (1:13-17)
 - a) They are present in trials (Matt 4; Luke 4)
 - b) They exist b/c of our ability to sin
 - c) Not Satan's fault (cf. 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 20) but given by him
 - d) Are we carried away & enticed? Or do we pray *Lead us not into temptation* (Matt 6:13)?
 - e) God provides an avenue of escape in temptations (1 Cor 10:13)
 - f) We must therefore stop being deceived of our own volition
- 3) God, Father of lights (Gen 1:3-20)
 - a) Sent Son to light the world (John 1:5; 9:5)
 - b) Never changes; w/o shadow or variation
 - c) Gives good gifts from "above" (cf. Jn 8:23, 44)
 - d) Gives new life to dead creatures
 - i) Because He wants to
 - ii) By the word of truth (John 6:44; Acts 10:44; 16:14; Eph 1:13; 1 Pet 1:3).
 - iii) Through a preacher (Rom 10:14)
 - iv) To display His salvation