

Passage: James 1:12-18

Title: The Test of Blame in Temptations

Summary: When a temptation comes before us, who do we blame (especially if we fall). Do we blame ourselves, someone else, or do we blame God? If we blame anyone other than ourselves when we fall, then we are destined to repeat this failure over and over, because we don't take the responsibility for our actions. In this study we will look at four points that will help us have victory in every temptation that comes before us.

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James 1:12–18 (NKJV) ¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Written by James / Didn't believe – to Leader / Hindsight / Everyday Living

The Book of James was written by none other than Jesus' brother James. James was a leader in the church, a pillar in the church (Acts 21). James didn't believe that Jesus was God when He walked this earth (John 7:5); but after the resurrection Jesus appears to him (1 Cor 15:4-7), and everything changed. James is going to write us this letter, he will talk about everyday practical stuff. He will talk about trials in life, our works, our tongue, prayer, and other things; as he writes these things, no doubt he will be remembering how Jesus handled them, reflecting back on watching situations, and watching his oldest brother. He will reflect on Jesus' life of love, and a life of sinlessness, in a world that can be so hateful at times, and so full of sin. James will write these things based on hindsight, based on first hand witnessing of how his older brother lived life, every day. James watched Jesus handle everyday life, and that is what this book is about; it is about living everyday life as a Follower of God, in a fallen world.

Jesus Rubbed Off / Nature Illustrations / Favorite Teacher - Sermon on Mount

We can see how much Jesus rubbed off on James, for James style resembles his brother so much. Like Jesus used nature as illustrations for His teaching points, so does James some 30 times. He uses nature analogies such as the sea, flowers, sun, fire, horses, and ships to name a few). It is obvious who James favorite teacher was, because this epistle covers every topic that Jesus covered in the Sermon on the Mount. There is amazing parallelisms between the two; James does not actually quote the Lord's words, but he obviously had internalized Jesus' teachings and reproduced them with spiritual depth. Jesus covered about 30 topics in the Sermon on the Mount, and we will see that James touches on every one of them in this epistle. The Book of James is Sermon on the Mount 2. The Book is also very quick and concise, moving from thought-to-thought quickly. So the Book of James is the New Testament Version of the Old Testament Proverbs. It resembles Proverbs because it is very poetic the way it flows its thoughts using illustrations and analogies.

So We can Examine Self / How am I Doing

Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount so that we might examine ourselves and ask the question, "so how am I doing in each of these areas?" James writes to the church, to us, and as we read, we have to ask ourselves, "so how am I doing in these areas?" This book is practical and applicable for us living in the year 2022, and the ultimate goal of this epistle is giving to us in verse 4 of chapter 1, to bring us into maturity, perfect and lacking nothing.

As in school, we take tests to see how much of a handle and mastery we have on a subject, we will do the same in this book:

3 Key Verses

Here are three key verses to get us going:

*James 2:20 (NKJV)*²⁰ *But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?*

*James 1:22 (NKJV)*²² *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

*James 1:4–5 (NKJV)*⁴ *But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.* ⁵ *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

The Outline of the Book of James:

Chapter 1

- Introduction (1:1)
- The Test of Perseverance and Suffering (1:2-12)
- The Test of Blame in Temptation (1:12-18)
- The Test of Response to the Word (1:19-27)

Chapter 2

- The Test of Partiality (2:1-9)
- The Test of the Law (2:10-13)
- The Test of Faith and Works (2:14-26)

Chapter 3

- The Test of the Tongue (3:1-12)
- The Test of Wisdom Applied (3:13-18)

Chapter 4

- The Test of the World's Influence (4:1-12)
- The Test of Dependence (4:13-17)

Chapter 5

- The Test of Endurance (5:1-11)
- The Test of Prayerfulness (5:12-20)

Recap Trials

The last Test was the Test of Perseverance and Suffering (1:2-12):

- The Perspective of Trials – 1:2
- The Purpose of Trials – 1:3-4
- The Power in Trials – 1:5-11
- The Promise from Trials – 1:12

Which flows right into the next:

- The Test of Blame in Temptation (1:12-18)
- The Test of Response to the Word (1:19-27)

Today's Test

When a temptation comes before us, who do we blame (especially if we fall). Do we blame ourselves, someone else, or do we blame God? If we blame anyone other than ourselves when we fall, then we are destined to repeat this failure over and over, because we don't take the responsibility for our actions. In this study we will look at four points that will help us have victory in every temptation that comes before us.

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Sermon on Mount Cross-Reference:

(Matthew 5:8 NKJV) *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

(Matthew 6:13 NKJV) And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Outline

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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

The Source of Temptation – 1:12-14

(James 1:12 NKJV) Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Endures

Endures – means to withstand, not to recede or flee. And so a “blessing” to the man or woman who when faced with a trial or temptation does not yield to it or flee from it into a defeat or being overcome by it (note - this verses ties trials and temptations together using the same word in the Greek that can be trial or temptation).

James mind you is writing in hindsight, he saw his big-brother face trials and temptations, yet emerge victoriously and overcome all of them, without sin. Imagine all the things the devil would put before Jesus, all the world/people the devil would stir before Him, yet Jesus never yielded (nor fled to sin). James is writing in hindsight, of how Jesus handled them, and now we get a front row seat on how we too can live victoriously when temptation comes our way.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Blessed

Blessed – means oh how happy, and there is a greatness in that statement when we please the Lord, when we live for Him, at whatever the price.

There is a prayer the Lord will always answer, and that is the prayer, Lord I want to please You and honor You, with all of my life in all that I do, in whatever I do, may it bring glory to You, and He will answer that.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) ³¹ *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

The other day I was going hunting, but in my prayer that morning I met with the Lord and (I know by His initiating – for the Lord is the initiator in prayer), I said Lord we know I don't have time for a hobby, I want my time with you to have purpose, to meet with You and be with You. That every time we go out, You will meet and speak to me, that Your presence would be with me.

Well many aspects of the story to be told you, but that day when I went out, I found an older somewhat feeble man in the bushes, he had driven off the path on his motorbike, stuck his head and had a concussion, and well the fact is he could have only been found by hunter, and no one else could have seen him, and I know those woods and I know this..... I was the only hunter in the woods that day. It was in the mountains, it was wet, and had he remained in those woods overnight, he most likely would have died of hypothermia. So God answered my prayer, maybe this man too who prayed God save me, I don't know for he had a concussion and was out of it, but I know God answered my prayer to meet with Him and to be shown something of Him, and who He is.

So the image before my mind over the past days that the Lord speaks to me..... wrecked lives, sitting in a daze, minds so concussed from the blows of the world, and the Lord says Ray I want to put you on their path to rescue them, I want you to tell them how to live a victorious Christian live, and overcome all trials and temptation, and it by and through Me and the Word of Life I have and give to all who ask.

Approved

Approved – as we said, this book is on testing, and the Lord is putting before us, how are we doing in this area and that area, and here particularly the test of temptation. The word approved means “to reveal as genuine”.

Because “real faith, shows up in real life”, and God provides a way, a means, of victory and overcoming, but it take great faith to receive it, and believe it, and exercise it.

Before – Let Look Again at Crown of Life

Before we look at our first point, let us refresh ourselves on “The Crown of Life”.

The word used here in NKJV is temptation, but it is the same Greek word, and it can mean both temptation and trial. Next study we will look at the test of temptation. So it is interesting in that verse 12 can refer back to “trials” (2-11), or forward to “temptation” (13-18). In either case, enduring a trial or a temptation, comes with great reward, “The Crown of Life”.

Crown of Life - Twice in Bible

crown of life – this phrase is only used one other place in the Bible, and it used for a group of people who are suffering and being persecuted:

Revelation 2:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹ ‘I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Zoe / Life Intensive / Vines

This Greek word for “life” (Crown of Life) is “zoe”, It has a very wordy definition in the Greek dictionary, it sums up to “life intensive, life vigorous”

Vines Dictionary describes it like this: **Life as God has it, that which the Father has in Himself, and which He gave to the Incarnate Son to have in Himself, which He gives to us to have in Ourselves.**

Zoe Early Church / That is the Crown of Life

I like that, but I like how it has been summed up from the early Christian Church; “**Life emanating from God, manifested by Christ**”. We can only have this life through Jesus Christ. And Jesus is making you more like Him, as He manifest’s (makes clear) Himself in you. That is the Crown of Life, it is the Life of Christ in me, in you, coming to the surface, emanating from us. And it takes trials to bring that about.

Ephesians 2:6-7

Zoe Life is now, and it will be amazing for all of eternity, surely worth enduring our present trials or temptation, and hanging on to Jesus through it all. Look at verse 7, here is a promise, that He desires and will, spend all of eternity showing us His grace and kindness.

Ephesians 2:4–7 (NKJV) ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

So now, our first point, “The Source of Temptation”.

Whether it is victory in a trial or temptation, to defeat either, we must have “wisdom” and the Lord told if we lack wisdom, ask for it and He will give it. Wisdom is “knowledge applied”. So He will teach us, give us both knowledge of Truths, and Wisdom on how to apply it in our temptation (and trials).

James 1:5–8 (NKJV) ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Can you make it one more day in your trial, temptation? It will be worth it!

(James 1:13 NKJV) Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

When Tempted

When tempted – we see the word “when”, which declares “temptations” will come.

(1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

God Allows Trials / Doesn’t Bring Temptation / Encouraged Fallen Nature / Progression of Trial

Regarding the entire arena of trials and temptations, understand this: God will allow a trial, but doesn’t bring a temptation. Trials may be test sent by God, or they may be temptations sent by Satan and encouraged by our own fallen nature. We may ask why did James connect the two? What is the relationship between trials and temptations? When our circumstances/trials are difficult, we may find ourselves complaining against God, questioning His love, and resisting His will. At that point Satan

provides our fallen nature an opportunity to escape the difficulty. This opportunity is a temptation/invitation to sin.

Not God's Sheltered People / Must Face to Grow

Certainly, God does not want us to yield to temptation, yet neither can He spare us the experience of temptation. We are not God's sheltered people. If we are to mature, we must face tastings and temptations.

Who Blame

Who do we blame in temptation when we fall to the sin that temptation brought. Do we blame ourselves, someone else, the world, Satan, or do we blame God?

We love to blame others, and make them the excuse of why we did what we did, and oh how so many people love to blame the church (and His people) as the reason they went off into sin, because the church wasn't there for me. . And/or we blame God, asking where were You, how could You, why didn't You.... Do something, or save me from. We blame others and we blame God, and that excuse is as old as the garden. It was the women, and on top of that the woman You gave me! And of course Eve then wants to blame the devil, and there we have, the devil made me do it.

Genesis 3:11–13 (NKJV) ¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" ¹² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."
¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Because God is absolutely holy, He cannot be tempted with evil. Sometimes He tests believers, but He in no way tempts them to sin. In fact, God will not allow temptation that is greater than the believer can withstand and always provides a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

(1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

3 Forces at Work – But Only 1 Can Decide

In every temptation to sin you must always recognize that there are three forces at work trying to lead us into sin. Our flesh, the world, and Satan. Three forces at work in a temptation, but only one can make the final decision, and that is our flesh.

The 3 forces at work in every temptation to sin:

Our Flesh

Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV) ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The World

(1 John 2:16 NKJV) For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world.

The world continually bombards us. I think of righteous Lot in Sodom. The same word in 2 Peter 2:9 as here in James 1:13.

2 Peter 2:7–9 (NKJV) ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

Martin Luther said, I cant keep birds from flying over my head, but I can keep them from building a nest.

Satan

[\(Ephesians 2:2 NKJV\)](#) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Oh yes the devil tries to tempt us, we saw him try with Jesus. The word for tempted in Matthew 4:1, is same word here in James 1:13.

[Matthew 4:1-3 \(NKJV\)](#) ¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

The Forces / Verse 14 Makes it Clear – Blame Anyone Other Than Self and You Fail the Test

Yes the world and Satan are at work trying to solicit us to sin, but verse 14 we see clearly that it "by his own desires". Blame anyone other than yourself and you have failed the test.

The 3 R's

Know the 3 R's in every temptation - Recognize - Resist - Rejoice. The importance of this is that we must

- Recognize where the attack is from,
- Resist it by what we will learn today, and then
- Rejoice, for the victory over that temptation, and the goodness of God in our lives.

The Resist part is all up to us. But know the Sources in temptations, Recognize them so that you may Resist them, and have reason to Rejoice, not have to Repent!

The Conception of Temptation – 1:14-15

We see the Sources of all Temptation, and now when that Source is yielded to.

(James 1:14 NKJV) But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

(James 1:15 NKJV) Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Has Conceived

has conceived - The Greek words for "has conceived" and "brings forth" likens the process to physical conception and birth. It is conceived, then it grows, then it is birthed.

The Track in Our Mind / Then It's Birthed

We have all been there, we play a track over and over in our mind. When I see that person again, I'm going to tell them a thing or two. Or we play it over and over what they did to us, how they wronged us; the thought has been conceived, and now it is just a matter of time before it is birthed – for the next time we see them, we play out what we have been thinking.

The Gatekeeper

To be tempted is not sin. Our mind, if you would, is a gatekeeper in that we cannot stop who comes to the gate, but we do decide who we let in

Internet / Mags / TV / - Minds Like Computers

The dangers that are around us every day. Thinking on the things of the Internet, images that come into the privacy of our bedroom, the magazines, the television shows, that co-worker. These images are

planted into the mind, a person begin to think on them, and then when the time comes, a person plays them out. Our minds are like computers, and whatever you program them with, is how the computer will run.

Can't Dwell / Can't Entertain / Taking Captive – 2 Cor 10

There is a process to saying I can't dwell on these things, I can't entertain these things, for the warfare rages in the mind, and we must take every thought captive:

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV) ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Play Over / Birthed / Satan Energized

It is when we play with that thought, entertain that temptation, that it is conceived (planted in our mind), then it is birthed. Satan sits there all the while energizing that thought. The "prince and power of the air", it is like he is a radio station, and he is sending his signal out, and anybody that has their dial set to his station, receives his signal.

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Drawn Away / Enticed / Hidden Under the Bait

Verse 14 says drawn away and enticed:

- *drawn away* – Greek word used to describe wild game being lured into a trap
- *enticed* – A fishing term that means to capture with bait.

The hunter and the fisherman use bait to attract and catch their prey. No animal is deliberately walks into an un-baited trap or hook, the idea is to hide the trap or the hook underneath the bait.

Brings Death / Relationships – Happiness – Health / Jesus Perfect Love

Verse 15 - when it is full-grown, brings forth death: It may only start as a thought, seem ever so harmless, but if you let it dwell within you, it will be birthed, and grown, and bring forth death. Sin always brings forth death. Every time!

- Sin will kill relationships.
- It will destroy happiness.
- It will ruin health.

When you want to tell kids how serious sin is and what sin does, the best thing you can do is take them to the Cross of Calvary and say, "Look at this wonderful, perfect, loving Person and see Him on the Cross in agony and pain and blood. It was when Jesus became sin for us that He died, for sin always brings death."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Deception of Temptation – 1:16-17

(James 1:16 NKJV) Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

(James 1:17 NKJV) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Sowing & Reaping

do not be deceived - It is the Law of Sowing and Reaping, its that simple:

Galatians 6:7-8 (NKJV) ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Deceived / The 3 R's

And don't be deceived, deceived of what, that this temptation is of the Lord. This temptation that comes upon you is directly a result of your flesh, the world, and Satan. The 3 R's to every temptation - Recognize - Resist - Rejoice. The importance of this is that we must Recognize where the attack is from, Resist it by what we just discussed (taking every thought captive and asking the Lord for Wisdom), and then we Rejoice.

God Holding Back / Tactic in Garden / Only Good Gift

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above - Satan and the world wants to deceive us into thinking that God is keeping something good from us, holding something back. That God doesn't really love or care for us because He is withholding something from us. That was Satan's tactic in the garden, yea Eve God doesn't want you to eat the fruit because when you do you will be like Him knowing good and evil. Don't be deceived – my beloved brethren, don't fall for this lie, God keeps nothing good back from us, only those things that will bring for death.

Genesis 3:1 (NKJV) ¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

The First Gift from Above

If you ever think God is holding something back from you, then go back to the first gift that came from above, His only Begotten Son, and there you will see that God will not withhold anything good from you.

John 3:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

No Variation / The Rock

Not only is God good in the gifts He gives, but in who He is. In Him there is no variableness or shadow of turning. That is, He's not moody. He doesn't have bad days. He's not generous with me one day, but grouchy the next—as I can so often be. We're variable. We go up and down. God doesn't. He can be nothing but good. He doesn't react to me according to how I'm doing with Him. He is faithful when I am faithless (2 Timothy 2:13). He is good when I am grumpy. He doesn't change. He's locked into His nature. That's why I love the Lord so much. He's solid as a Rock. And I can just enjoy Him without worrying about Him being ticked with me or tired of me. He gives nothing but good gifts, for He is a good God.

2 Timothy 2:13 (NKJV) ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The Deliverance of Temptation – 1:18

We are never in this alone in our temptation (I will never leave you nor forsake you). God always gives us a way out.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) ⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

(James 1:18 NKJV) Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Brought Us Forth – means to birth. God births something in us, we become a firstfruit in the manner that as Jesus overcame, we too can, and we see the way of that is through the "word of truth", His holy word that seaways us into our study next week (being doers of the word), but for now, the way out and deliverance from the trial, is the wisdom of the word applied.

1 Cor 10

(1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Back to the fruit of the Spirit is what is produced when we endure, when we are squeezed:

Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

We are the Apple of His Eye:

Psalms 17:6–8 (NKJV) ⁶ I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech. ⁷ Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need