

James 1:13-18 – Temptation

Review

1. Being Tempted (v.13)

a. “Tempted” defined = similar to a trial, but with a negative motivation in mind

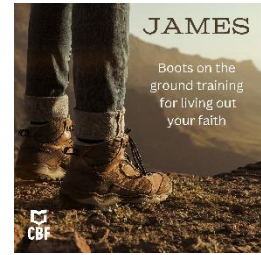
- They are focused on tempting us with evil (sin)
- In contrast, v.17 tells us that only good comes out of what God does.

b. Methods of temptation (v.14)

- “Lured” = to be drawn out from a hiding place (hunting term)
- “Enticed” = to catch by baiting (fishing term)
- 1 John 2:16/Genesis 3:6 – same old strategy!

c. Result of falling for temptations (v. 15)

- Description of the life cycle: conceived, birth, growth, death
- The wages (payment, punishment) for sin is death (Romans 6:23a)
- * Romans 6:23b shows the gift God offers – eternal life with Him when we accept His forgiveness for our sin (Romans 3:23-24)



2. A Biblical method to combat temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)

a. Know your enemy: YOU (James 1:15, Romans 7:25)

b. Learn to recognize temptation. (James 1:14)

- * It will persuade you to sin.

c. Act

- * Ask God for help
- * Know and avoid your weaknesses if possible
- * Memorize Scripture

Thoughts to Ponder

1. When trials come, temptation to sin often accompanies it. Can we see a temptation coming? How?

Trials	Temptations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Difficult times or issues in life *They are allowed by God to help us be more like Jesus *Their end is a positive result: our growth and God’s glory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Instances when we are tempted to sin * We are enticed by our own desires * The end is sin * Romans 6:23a – sin’s penalty is death

2. How can having a better understanding of how Satan often tempts us to sin during trials help us be better prepared for his attacks?