

The Father of Lights Part-6

As we conclude this series “The Father of Lights,” let’s end where we started with **James 1**. We’re talking about our Origen – from the heart of God in creation to the Lord Jesus Christ’s sacrificial love for us, and how we should now live by Love’s light. Let’s open our hearts to hear God speak through His Word.

James 1:12-18 TPT *“If your faith remains strong, even while surrounded by life’s difficulties, you will continue to experience the untold blessings of God! True happiness comes as you pass the test with faith, and receive the victorious **crown of life** promised every lover of God!”* If we do not allow trials to cause us to recant our faith in Christ here and now, we will receive the **crown of life**, which is the fullness of eternal life that we will experience in the next age to come.

13. *“When you are tempted don’t ever say, “God is tempting me,” for God is incapable of being tempted by evil and He is never the source of temptation.”*

In **vv. 2-12**, James discussed our difficulties outwardly as a form of temptation. Now he talks about the seduction to do evil as another form of temptation. Yes, God does send trials as a form of testing; Abraham in **Gen. 22:1-2 NKJV**, for instance, “Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham and said to him... Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Without question, James declares that God’s perfect holiness does not allow Him to solicit to sin and puts Him beyond the reach of temptation.

14. *Instead it is each person's own desires and thoughts that drag them into evil and lure them away into darkness (or "hooked by the bait of evil from their own desires").* **15.** *Evil desires give birth to evil actions. And when sin is fully mature it can murder you (NKJV "it brings forth death")!*"

When the outward lure of temptation meets responding inner desires, sin is conceived. James does not mention Satan's role in temptation, (i.e. comedian **Flip Wilson**: "The Devil made me do it!"), putting the responsibility on the person and the root of sinful deeds within the individual.

16. *So my friends, don't be fooled by your own desires."*

Humanities Sinful Desires vs Father's Gifts

17 TPT *"Every gift God freely gives us is **good and perfect***, streaming down from **the Father of lights**, Who shines from the heavens with no hidden shadow or darkness and is never subject to change."* ***TPT note:** "The Aramaic word used here, **mshamlaita**, means "complete, wholesome, abundant, sufficient, enough and perfect." God's gifts to us are perfect!

A contrast is being made here between God's unchangeableness and the wandering heavenly lights that He created. **Forget about astrology** – go directly to the God Who created the stars! Nothing evil hiding in God Who always keeps His promises.

The Apostle Paul tells us in **1 Cor. 14:1 NKJV**, *"Pursue love, and **desire**** spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy* (as compared to speaking in tongues in public – vv. 2-5)." ****WW** **"Desire**, Gk. *zeloo*, Strong's #2206, "to be zealous for, to burn with desire, to pursue ardently, to desire eagerly or intensely. Negatively, the word is associated with strong envy and jealousy." **SFLBnote:** "Neither **love** nor **gifts** come automatically and should not be a passive matter of indifference." **Dori!**

Born Again, Not to be Wild, but to Fulfill God's Chosen Will For Us

18. *"God was delighted to give us birth by the truth of His infallible Word so that we would fulfill His chosen destiny for us and become the favorite ones out of all His creation!"* Imagine: because we are birthed by the Truth, Christ Jesus, our inner passion from our Conceiver is to be and do like Him! It's in our DNA from the Word of God to become His favorite creation!!

Love Fulfills God's Requirements

Rom. 13:10-12 TPT *"Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law. 11. And this is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and **put on the shining armor of right living** (NKJV: "put on **the armor of light**"). Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. 14. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires."*

Right living is light to the world. Unbelievers will not appreciate it - they might even persecute it, but it's still right in God's eyes!

So, are you **a light born from above** yet? When Nicodemus came to Jesus at night marveling at Jesus power, Jesus answered him regarding Nicodemus's personal destiny (**John 3:3-7 TPT**): *"Jesus answered, "Nicodemus, listen to this eternal truth: Before a person can even perceive God's kingdom, they must first experience a rebirth (or "born from above" or "born from the origin.").* Nicodemus came seeking knowledge; Jesus offered him life. **4. Nicodemus said, "Rebirth? How can a gray-headed**

man be reborn? It's impossible for anyone to go back into the womb a second time and be reborn!"

*5. Jesus answered, "I speak an eternal truth: Unless you are born of water and the Spirit (**Gen. 1:2b** "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."), you will never enter God's kingdom. 6. For the natural realm only gives birth to things that are natural, but the spiritual realm gives birth to supernatural life! 7. "You shouldn't be amazed by My statement, "You all must be born from above." 8. For the Spirit-Wind blows as it chooses. You can hear its sound, but you don't know where it came from or where it's going. So it is the same with those who are Spirit-born!"* Jesus compares being born spiritually from above to the mystery of the wind coming from where it will and blowing where it wills. There is a spiritual birth that is similar. We must raise the "sails" of our being by faith, believe God's Word that there's a new birth, and receive the Wind of God's Holy Spirit to birth us by Jesus Word & shed blood!

So are you here today for knowledge or life, or both? If just knowledge, ask the Lord for His fullness of life! He's waiting!