

## **Title: Temptation and the Goodness of God**

### **We are responsible in our temptations:**

- 1) Desire**
- 2) Deception**
- 3) Disobedience**
- 4) Death**

### **Contemplate the goodness of God:**

- 1) His goodness is extensive**
- 2) His goodness is unvarying**
- 3) His goodness is undeserved**
- 4) His goodness is unceasing**

### **Scripture:**

#### **Loving God Under Trials**

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.