

James 1:13-18

Shoe-leather Christianity

For April 13, 2008

LESSON 2

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Questions are to be completed the week of April 6 leading up to the sermon on April 13.

The Source of Temptation

Read James 1:13-18 and answer the following questions:

1. (1:13) "Tempted, tempting, tempt" (peiradzo) same root word as in 3, 12, and 14, the difference is in the tester's/tempter's motivation and expectation." What **does** God not do and what **can** God not do?

Of what should we never accuse God?

2. (1:14) What is the source of "temptation" mentioned in this verse?

In what two ways does James describe being tempted?

Remembering verses 3-4, contrast being "tested" by God and being "tempted" by our own evil desires.

3. (1:15) What is the life-cycle of sin described here?
4. (1:16) What deception are we to avoid? (Cf. 1:3 and 1:17)
5. (1:17) "Heavenly lights" is probably a reference to the

created universe around our world. "Change like shifting shadows" is probably a reference to the constant changes we see in creation. What truths about God do we then learn from this verse?

6. (1:18) In 1:17 James wrote of good and perfect gifts. What specific gift does he mention in 1:18?

By what means does God give us birth?

What are "firstfruits" and what does the word represent here? (Cf. Exodus 23:16 and Revelation 14:4)



Memory Verse: James 1:13-15

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

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Personal Reflection

Why are we tempted to blame God for the temptations we face?

In what ways does the truth of God’s character protect you from believing things about God that are not true?

Can you identify the evil desires within you that “drag you away and entice you”?

What is a godly response to our evil desires?

What will enable you to respond as Christ would respond?

Thoughts/Questions/Prayer Response

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Sermon Notes

Horizontal lines for writing sermon notes.