

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Genuine Faith

I THE TEST OF GENUINE FAITH - James 1:1-18

LESSON 2 ~ The Source of Temptations ~ James 1:12-18

KEY VERSE

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 (James 1:12).

PONDER²

READ James Chapter 1:12-18.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. EXPLAIN. _____

THE SOURCE OF TEMPTATION

READ James 1:12-16.

1. What is the hope and the reward to all believers who love God and endure temptation (v. 12)? _____

2. Man cannot accuse God of being the source of temptation (v. 13)? Why? _____

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LOOK DEEPER

God is holy. Therefore it is impossible for God to be tempted⁴ with evil or to tempt man. Who declared God's holiness? What did each say?

Exodus 15:1a, 11 _____

¹ Genuine: authentic, real.

² PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

³ tempted - Greek *peirazo* - to test: (man) entice, discipline, assay.

⁴ tempted - Greek *apeirastos* - untried: (God) not temptable, cannot be tempted.

Leviticus 11:45 _____ 5

Leviticus 19:1, 2 _____

Leviticus 20:26 _____

Isaiah 6:2, 3 _____ 6

Revelation 4:8 _____ 7

READ Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-4. The Spirit of God led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. In what areas did he try to entice Jesus? How did the LORD respond to him?

3. How is man tempted (James 1:14)? _____

4. LIST the progression of sin (v. 15). _____

⁵ Egypt: God delivered the Hebrew children out of their slavery in Egypt and led them to the Promised Land. Egypt is a type of the world.

⁶ seraphim - Hebrew *seraphim* burning ones: celestial beings whom Isaiah saw standing before the enthroned Lord.

⁷ four living creatures - Hebrew *beasts*: unearthly beings attending the throne of God.

What is the ultimate result? _____

5. What is James strong warning to believers (v. 16)? _____

PERSONAL

How are you in danger of being deceived by your own desires and lusts? _____

What further warnings and exhortations are in the Scriptures to those who become trapped by their own lusts? LIST the enticements that tempt man into sin.

I Corinthians 6:9, 10 _____

I Corinthians 15:33 _____

Galatians 6:7, 8 _____

Ephesians 5:6, 7 _____

PERSONAL

READ and MEDITATE on I John 1:5-10. What is Christ's message to you in dealing with your sin? What cleanses from all sin?

THE SOURCE OF GOOD GIFTS

READ James 1:17, 18.

1. Where do all good and perfect gifts come from (v. 17)? _____

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How does James reveal the name and character of the One whose gifts to us have only goodness in mind?

2. Sin brings forth death but God brings forth life. How did He do it? Why (v. 18)? _____

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How did the Father of Lights bring us forth (I Peter 1:23)? _____

3. DESCRIBE God's greatest Gift to man.

John 3:16 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

Ephesians 2:8 _____

PERSONAL

Have you received the good and perfect gift from the Lord? How did you receive Christ? If not, receive Christ right now!

⁸ Father of Lights - Greek *phostoshine*: make manifest by rays, luminousness.

⁹ first fruits: in the Old Testament the first portion of the harvest belonged to the Lord; it was sacred to Jehovah. This refers to believers; the church.

WRITE out the KEY VERSE _____

*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.*

James 1:17

NOTES: _____

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