

JAMES 1:13-27

PROVE YOURSELF A DOER OF THE WORD, NOT MERELY A HEARER

13-16 God, Who is Holy, Does Not Tempt People to Sin

God allows trials to perfect me.

Satan tempts me in trials (and otherwise) to deflect me.

v14 I'm tempted when I'm carried away & enticed by my lust, a desire for the forbidden.

v15 Impregnated lust gives birth to sin.

v15 Satan and sin bring forth death. Gk: *thanatos*: "the misery of soul arising from sin, which begins on earth but lasts and increases after the death of the body."

Apply God's Word: I can say "no" when Satan tempts me through the power of Christ in me (Galatians 2:20, by following Christ's example (Luke 4), and taking the escape Christ provides (1 Corinthians 10:5).

1:16-17 SATAN, the DECEIVER, is a Shifty Shadow.

v16 Do not be deceived, "led from the path of virtue, go astray, sin."

Apply God's Word: I can walk in the Father's light and truth in the midst of trials or fall for Satan's deceptions when he tempts me.

1:17-18 GOD, the Father of LIGHTS, brings forth Good & Perfect Gifts from ABOVE. (The same place from which we get wisdom. V 5)

Apply God's Word: Believers are the first fruit of God's creation. It is my purpose & privilege as a believer to model Christ to people & let them taste the sweetness of His ways.

1:19-27 James gives 5 areas where Satan tempts us but where God wants to prove us faithful.

Apply God's Word: Theology is what I know to be true about God through personal experience. Religion is the external practice of my theology. How's my theology? It is evident by not what I say but what I do.

GOD IS BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY

19-20 Be - Quick to Hear
- Slow to Anger
- Slow to Speak

SATAN TEMPTS

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- Quick to Anger
- Quick to Speak

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21 -Put aside filthiness, wickedness.

SATAN TEMPTS

-Your sin isn't that bad. It's okay to do. .

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21 - Receive the Word.

SATAN TEMPTS

-Don't read your Bible. You already know it.

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22-25 -Prove yourself a doer of the Word.

SATAN TEMPTS

-Hear, but don't do what the Word teaches.

- Look intently at the Word, which is perfect & liberating so you're blessed.

-Skim the Bible, but forget trying to do it.
It's normal to be stressed not blessed.

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26-27 - Do what is right in God's sight - what He teaches ... so you're not stained by the world.

SATAN TEMPTS

-Do and say what you want. The person deserve a piece of your mind. You can't help what you do and say when you're mad.

Apply God's Word: Look back over the above temptations. Is there one you have at any time fallen for? If so, would you agree with God it is sin and turn from the sin? Would you daily, moment by moment rely on Christ in you to face each trial, temptation?

Record how God Has Spoken to Your Heart
