

THE TRUTH ABOUT TEMPTATION

(James 1:13-15)

I. INTRODUCTION (James 1:1)

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V. THE NATURE OF TEMPTATIONS (James 1:13-15)

A. Temptation is NOT from God (v. 13)

1. The universal command to believers, “*Let no one say*” (*pres./act./imper.*) makes it very clear that you _____ blame God for your own moral _____. (v. 13a, cf. Prov. 19:3)

* Is there a difference between “*trials*” (vv. 2-3) and “*temptations*” (vv. 13-14)?

* Is it sin to be tempted?

2. Because God is morally pure, holy and righteous, James introduces a two-fold rejection...

- a. It is absolutely impossible for the Lord to be seriously _____ by _____; He simply cannot sin. (v. 13b, cf. Heb. 4:15; John 14:30)

- b. It is also an impossibility for a holy God to _____ one of His own _____ with wickedness. (v. 13c)

* What was Jesus’ prevention remedy to His disciples for temptation? (Luke 22:40, 46)

B. Yielding to Temptation Comes from Within (vv. 14-15)

1. The reality is (whether saved or lost), each person is “*drawn away*” like a _____ after _____. (v. 14a)

2. While the temptation may be from _____, the “*desires*” come from _____. (v. 14b)
 - a. “Lust” (Gk. *epithymia*) in this context is simply the _____ to do, have, or be something apart from the revealed _____ of _____. (1 John 2:15-17)

 - b. Sin is the result of the _____ of your _____ to the solicitation to ignore what the Word of God has to say on the matter. (Prov. 12:26)

3. This word translated “*conceived*” was at times used in the Greek of conception; here it speaks of human _____ yielding to _____, and as a result conception takes place. (v. 15a, cf. Matt. 5:22, 28)

4. Metaphorically speaking, the “baby” that is conceived and born is a _____, and its name is _____. (v. 15b, cf. Ps. 7:14)

5. When sin takes place, there is a _____ (“*death*”) that occurs; a believer needs to repent (change his/her mind) and _____ the sin to the Lord. (1 John 1:6-10)

* How can you personally apply this truth today?