James 1:13-18

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INTRODUCTION

- James continues his discussion on trials and temptations, and says that we should never consider God as the source of our temptation.

1 God Does Not Tempt Us With Evil

James 1:13; James 1:2–3; James 1:12

- James clears up that potential misunderstanding by saying, God does not tempt us with evil.
- Because of the holiness of God, that God himself cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.
- God is not the source of temptation. God is not the source of the inducement to sin.

2 Drawn Away by Our Own Desires

James 1:14

- It's my desires, my lust that can be the source of temptation.
- Satan can surely find that weakness in me, and through his wiles and cunning, he can use temptation and use my desires as a means of temptation.
- Things that may tempt you to sin may be of little temptation to me.

3 The Progression of Sin

James 1:15

- When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin when it is full grown, brings forth death.
- If we don't endure temptation, the end result will be death.
- The obvious answer is we want to stop it at its conception.
- I need to learn self-control. I need to be able to control my own desires that might entice me to sin and stop sin before it is ever conceived and leads to death.

4 Every Good and Perfect Gift Is From Above

James 1:16–17

- Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. It comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there's no variation or shadow of turning.
- Not only is God not the source of bad gifts, namely temptation, but he's the source of good and perfect gifts.
- God is consistent. He always gives good gifts.

5 Of His Own Will He Brought Us Forth

James 1:18

- Of his own will, he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.
- God has brought us forth, not to death, but to life, and he's done so by the word of truth.
- The expression of his own will just simply means that it was God's decision, it was God's idea.
- God gives life by means of his word, the word of his truth.
- The first fruits were always the best, the first and the best of the crops, the crops that were to be devoted in service to God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Gives us greater incentive to study his word, to read this word of God on a daily basis and to read it and meditate upon it because it brings us forth to eternal life.**

MY NOTES