

From Sin to Salvation

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Okay, let's go to James chapter 1. Start on verse 12. Now, I'm going to read this. As I read it, I'm going to give to you in the words that you'll have more understanding with; and let's see how this sounds of what thoughts man has in his mind and how he comes up with these ideas.

Blessed is the man who endures temptation. Blessed is the man who endures thoughts in his mind and temptation against the evil that's in his own heart by enduring, meaning that when he sees it he will come against it; he will speak the word of God against it, and he will not allow it to conceive or to take place; but, instead, he will see it and he will say the word against it as Jesus said it when He was tempted in the wilderness until he drives the devil out, because the devil can find no place to get any action from the man.

For when he has been proved--in other words, when he has been proved, when he has used the word, and when he has spoken it long enough, and when the devil turns away because he can't capture him, he will receive the crown of life. Now that may be days, weeks, months, and years. And virtually it is in years. It comes in two, three, four, five years at the least.

He will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Those who love God are the ones who speak the word and turn away from all evil, and do not allow evil to overtake them, but they overtake evil with good. You overcome evil with good; don't you! What does that mean? That means I overcome the evil thoughts, evil temptations, evil ideas by the good that I speak of the words of my mouth. And the only thing that's good is God; isn't it? So I'll speak the word of God against the evil, and I'll overcome the evil with good, then; won't I? That's what that scripture means.

You do not overcome good with evil, but you overcome evil with good. In other words, if I've got good inside and I speak evil, it doesn't overcome the good; does it? But the good withdraws and lets the evil take its place on you. But if I have evil inside me, and evil thoughts, and evil ideas, when they begin to come against me, and I'm tempted and tried, then, if I speak good, which is the word of God and the truth of the word, then I'll overcome it just like Jesus overcame the evil that He was tempted with. Do you remember that?

Let no one say that when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God, for God cannot be tempted by evil." **God** is not tempted by evil; is He? Well, why not? Because the devil doesn't come to God and tempt Him; does he? God is not tempted. The only evil that's in this world is darkness. The only evil is lies. The only lies there are, are from darkness, and the only darkness is the devil; isn't it? So God is not tempted by the devil.

I could say, "God is not tempted by the devil, nor darkness, for He Himself is all light and all truth within. Nor does He Himself tempt anyone. He doesn't speak any evil or temptation to anyone to test him and try him out; does He? God doesn't speak lies to you to find out if you're wrong. The Truth doesn't tell you a lie to find out if you can understand it; does He? He doesn't speak a lie and say, "Now I just wanted to test you with that lie." You understand this now? But he speaks the truth instead. So He Himself doesn't tempt anyone.

God does not give any temptation to anyone, but He tells you what the truth is. He tells you where your lies are. He tells you what part is of the devil, and he tells you what's wrong with your life then; doesn't he?

But each man is tempted himself, when he's drawn away by his own desires, and enticed. In other words, he's drawn away by his own thoughts, his own sucking, sucking on his own thoughts, sucking on his own words, sucking on his own beliefs. He is tempted by those desires. Well, let's see how that works that away.

He's tempted because the desires within his heart come up to his mind, and he

begins to think about those desires that come up to his mind, and he thinks, "Boy! Would I like to do that. Whew! That's a good thought. Umumm. That's what I want." And he begins to be tempted by those own desires of his own evil that's down in his heart. That's why in Genesis that God said that the evil that they had was that the thoughts, the intent of their thoughts was always wicked. Their intent was to do that which was evil and lustful against God.

So when the temptation comes up to your mind from your heart that's hidden down inside, it is a thought of lust. It is a thought to do your own will. And you think it's so good because you've done it before, and you've wanted to do it. You have a desire down inside to do it, which is to get bitter, is to speak evil of others, of dignitaries. It is to accuse those who did good of being evil against you, because your ways were evil. It is the thought inside of having lustful desires of immorality, sexual immorality, because of your desires of your own heart.

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own thoughts, his own feelings, his own deep word inside, and the intent of his own thoughts; and then he's enticed. In other words, he is enticed, he's drawn away. He keeps thinking about it, and he says, "I'll edge closer and closer to it. I'll see how close I can get to that sin, so that I can enjoy it, so that I can enjoy that lust, so I can enjoy that desire," until he finally gets so close to it, that it burns him.

When the Lord said in the scripture, "Flee from all sin. Flee from all appearances of sin. Flee from all appearances of evil. **Flee** from it! Run! Turn your back to it and speak against it! Bring out the word of God. Bring out the truth and speak against it, and get away from it right then." Because it will canker you. It will cause you great harm. It will cause you to sin.

And then He said, "After you have thought about it awhile, and you have sucked on it - that's homosexuality - after you have committed an act of homosexuality, that's you in the spirit thinking about you in the flesh, sucking on the thoughts of your own mind,

sucking on them, just like you would as a homosexual act with two men which is given, or the words of men, sucking on the words of men, then when that desire, that **desire** has conceived, in other words, the seed of the desire comes into you, just like the seed of a man would go into a woman to cause a baby, this seed of this desire, you've fertilized yourself.

You fertilize yourself with your own seed of your own thought, and it comes in your own mind, and it begins to fertilize in your heart until it concedes. And you fertilize the core, the egg down inside you with your seed of your thought in your spirit, and you give birth to it. It begins to give life inside, it begins to form inside you, growing; and a spirit of evil comes into you to permeate it, and to come in and to encompass it, to be with it, so that it will have the iniquity and the spirit of evil and of darkness, and the seed of your desire, all conceived within your heart. Well, that's what God found in Lucifer; the same conception took place in Lucifer. He conceived it inside.

The conception that took place in Mary, the mother of Jesus was just the opposite. Took place the same, but it was taken place by the Holy Spirit who came in and gave birth to the word of God in her heart. He spoke to her heart with the word of God, and she believed it, and she conceived in her womb the word of God, and it gave birth to Jesus the Christ, the Living Word of God, just the opposite of this nature here conceiving evil.

And when desire has conceived, it begins to take place over the gestation period, however long the gestation period is for that conceiving of that evil, until it begins to become fulfilled, it becomes full bodied. And when the fullness of the period of gestation, the fullness of the period of the giving birth to the new born baby, when it is finished and ready to give birth, then it will give birth to sin, just like the baby that is in the mother's womb, the exact replica in the flesh, when the fullness of time has come, the baby is ready, it begins to cause labor in the woman, and push its way out.

This is what happens in sin. When you have sucked on it and you have conceived

of it long enough over a period of many days, weeks, months, and years, however long, then there comes a time when that sin is fully conceived within you and fully grown, and is matured within your thoughts, matured within your heart, the demons are in there with you, and all the conception is in there, and you're going to church, and you're doing all these religious things, and then there comes a day when you say, "Well, I'll go do it in the dark. Nobody will see me. I can't be found. I'll run and conceive. And I'm going to give birth now to that sin." "I'm going to go out and watch pornography. I'm going to go out and get me a whore, and I'm going to go lay with her. I'm going to let her masterbate in front of me. I'm going to go to the massage parlor, and they are going to massage me, and I'm going to see what it is all about. I'm going to give birth to that sin."

"I've been hating this son of a bitch for so long. I'm going to go out today, and nobody is going to know about it. I'm going to put a disguise on me. I'm going to put a disguise on myself. I'm going to put on a mask. I've got my gun ready, and I'm going to go kill that man that did me wrong, because I have taken enough from him. I've been waiting now for several years, and he keeps pestering me all the time, and now I'm going to go kill him, because I've hated him. I've been bitter against him for two or three years now, or ten years of my life, he's done me wrong. He came against me and my family, and my wife, and now I have conceived sin, and I'm going to go kill him."

That's the man who has sin conceived in his heart. He didn't have Christianity. He didn't have Christ. He had birth to sin. He gave birth to sin, instead of giving birth to the Christ child, instead of giving birth to the word of God, which is Isaac the promised one. He didn't have conception with the seed of God; he didn't have conception with the promised seed of God, which is Isaac, which is the promised child, which is representative of Jesus Christ, the Living Word.

He isn't going to give birth to the Living Word in his own life; he's not going to speak it out of his mouth and bring birth to that, but instead, out of his mouth and out of the members of his body, he's going to bring birth, he's going to give birth to sin, has the

same trials, has the same production, and it gives birth to sin which is religion; and the anti-christ will come out of his heart.

And now sin, when it is full grown brings forth death. In other words, as soon as the sin comes out of his life, it brings forth death. It kills him. He destroys his soul. It destroys his heart; it destroys his spirit, and he no longer has life in him, but it comes forth, and he manifests it in his thoughts, and his deeds, and his actions, and the members of his body, and he brings it forth; and it brings forth death.

Oh, in most cases, the greatest ones of these are the church goers. The greatest ones of these are the ones who profess religion. They talk all about religion; but conceived in their heart is sin brought forth. They don't have the real God, the real Christ. They have a false one.

But they have brought it forth over years of gestation inside their heart, thinking that they were going to do God a favor; and then in the end, you'll read about them in the newspaper everyday. You'll read about them in all the books, how they killed their family, how they killed their loved ones, how they killed their preacher, how they killed their brother in church, how they killed somebody else because of some reason; and their excuse is, "Well, I was doing God a favor. Well, God told me to."

In other words, that demon inside of him said, "I'm God," and it began to tell them what to do. He doesn't bring forth repentance. That spirit that is conceived inside these brings forth non-repentance. He's the one that tells them that they don't need to repent. "You don't need to repent. Jesus saves you from all of it; just don't worry about it. Go on about your business. Go to church. Be sure you pray three times a day. Be sure that you do all these sacrifices. Give ten percent of your money. Do all the sacrifices. Do all the giving, but don't repent. Don't change. Don't find out what God says to do, but instead, conceive sin your heart, religion."

Then He said in Daniel 8:11 and 12, in that day, that He would give over this army, this **army** of ones to serve him, the army of the ones who have iniquity in them, the army

of those ones who are filled with iniquity and with sin, he said He will give that army over to the wicked one, which is really to Lucifer, and He will bring forth in that day great catastrophe upon the earth. That's in Daniel chapter 8, verse 10 it starts. "And he grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them." That's Lucifer and his fallen angels. Now, "Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground."

That's what that means. An army was given over; these will be the army of the wicked ones. The army of those who have conceived sin in their heart in this last day, in the day of the Lord, will be given over to the wicked one, and he will guide and direct them by the sinister spirit that he has. And they will be brought forth to do the evil deeds of the devil, that their wicked ones will be known, that these ones shall be seen and they will be known, and they will be separated from the ones of God.

Therefore, "When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." Brings forth death. "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren." For, "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. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth", by the word of truth, "Brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creation." "That we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creation." In other words, the firstfruit is the one who matures inside--brought forth.

Now if you have a dream about a firstfruit, you're going to have to put on the firstfruit. You don't become one just because you have a dream of it. I know one who had a dream of it, and I don't think she ever put it on, and she left, and she never had the firstfruit. Her fruit never matured. She left with green fruit. She left with fruit still on the vine withering, dying, because she cut off the root that supplied her the nourishment, and the knowledge, and the understanding, and the way to go.

And the Father of lights, when He turns, He has no shadow in His turning. In other words, no matter where you look through Him there is no darkness. The light comes from within instead of without, so that no shadow of turning means that in the very core of the Father of lights there is light coming out; and no matter which direction He turns, perfect light, pure light shines out of Him, and He brings forth--He's the Father of lights. He's the Father of lights. He's the one that brings forth the lights of those who know the Truth, and brings them forth.

So, when you're tempted, and when you're tried, and when you're tested, you're not tempted and tried, and tested because of God you're tempted, and tried, and tested because of the evil of your own heart. All temptation, all trial, and all testing is from the evil thoughts of your own heart hidden down in the old man within, the old physical man, the old Jacob within.

Remember? Jacob was a scoundrel. He was a liar; he was a thief. He was a tricky bugger. He tricked his father-in-law. He did all those things, yet God loved Jacob. But He loved Him because He knew that one day he would become Israel, the redeemed, resurrected man. But in Jacob there was every sin that the world could have, and yet God watched over him, protected him, because as the physical man he had the sin within him, and he lived with that sin, and he had torment, temptations all through his life.

He had troubles and trials. He went through famines; he went through killings; he went through problems with his sons; he went through the fact that he lost a wife who committed adultery against him with one of his own sons. He lost one of his sons to Egypt because he was sold by the other sons. His daughter lost her virginity; she was raped by the prince of Shechem. And then his sons went down and deceived the people of Shechem, and they lied to them; and they caused them to be circumcised in the flesh. And when they did that they went down and they cut their heads off and killed them.

And Jacob ran from his father-in-law; and Jacob ran from his brother Esau; and Jacob was a coward. He was a coward. He hid from his own brother, Esau, and put his

wives and children out in front just in case his brother would be angry at him and would start to cause problems. He thought that his brother's temper would be tempered by his wives and children out in front. And in Jacob was all the sins of the world. Probably couldn't find any sins that weren't listed in him. He had them. But God loved him, because he was the spiritual man to be. He knew that Jacob sought after God, and he fought with God till he received the blessings of God; and God said, "You're going to be called Israel, the new man, the redeemed spiritual man, the man who is redeemed out of the lost of the earth."

He's the man who's redeemed in the spiritual from the lost physical man of the earth, because he turns to his God and he seeks Him out; and he makes the proper sacrifice; and he has the proper heart; and he has the proper knowing that he's wrong and that God is his source. And then when he died, they embalmed Jacob, they preserved his father, Israel. They embalmed Jacob, which became Israel.

And so they embalmed Israel, his father, Joseph's father, that he might be preserved. And that's the sign, and that's the story of the redeemed man today, in this hour and this day. When his Jacob man, when Jacob has been changed, all Israel shall be saved. When a man becomes the Israel man, he has put off Jacob man; Jacob man has been embalmed, and Israel man is then alive.

Embalmed means to suck the blood out of them, to wrap them in mummy cloth, to wrap them in oils, and to bury them so that they don't have life anymore, and then the resurrected man comes up inside. And this is to be done while he's yet alive, while he is yet alive. The new man is to put on the new man, while the Jacob man is dying. As the Jacob dies, the Israel man will come to life. Out of the same man shall rise a new creation, and there shall be known as new heavens and new earth; and the old heavens and the old earth will pass away.

The old heavens and the old earth are the old man and the old flesh body of the old Jacob man. And the new heavens and the new earth are the new mind, the new

spiritualness, and the new spiritual body, the celestial body of the new man that is redeemed, having new life in him; and he will rise. He'll be preserved forever.

And again, the Lord said, "And all Israel shall be saved." I believe He wrote that through Paul in the book of Romans, and He spoke of that, that all Israel shall be saved. That's what He meant, that Israel is the redeemed man. It is the man as Jacob was who rose out of the old flesh and became a new man, a new creation in Christ, new creation in resurrection. After the death of his flesh he was embalmed as Israel; and that's what it means.

And so, when a man has put down all of his thoughts, and all of his evil ways as I just read to you in the book of James, when he puts them down by the word of God, then he can kill them. He can kill the flesh man.

The flesh man has no place to go, because if the flesh man can't tempt you in the spirit, if he can't tempt you as the new man of Israel, if he can't tempt the new celestial body man, then he can't make any course with you; can he? He'll make no headway. And if he can't tempt you and test you, and then if you will speak against it by the word of God and cast out those thoughts, and cast out those spirits, and you'll cast out that evil of the old man, soon you will put on the new man by speaking it by the word of God; won't you? You will put on the new man, the word of God, the truth of God, the Spirit of God; and that's how you become the new. And God is not tested; God is not tempted by the devil.

In other words, the devil doesn't come in His presence and tempt God; does he? He doesn't tempt God with his thoughts and his ideas. And God is not like a man that He might be tempted, for He is above all that; isn't He? And no sin comes in His presence, and no lies come in His presence.

But man is tempted by his own desires and his own lusts within his own heart; isn't he? That's the tenth commandment: Thou shall not covet. And covet is to lust and to be tempted, and be tested and tried, because of the sickness and the weakness of your own

heart.

Jesus said, "The devil comes to test Me, but he has nothing in Me. He has nothing of himself in Me." In other words, Jesus was void of any of the iniquities that would tempt Him and test Him. Though He was tested in the flesh, nothing was there that the devil could find that he could make Him react, or to suck on it, or to think about it, or to conceive it, or to do it. But instead, when He was tested, He spoke the word at him even when He was tired and hungry, and had gone without food and without a place to shelter against the wild animals for forty days. He spoke the word at him, and the word put him away; didn't it?

And that's likewise what man must do. He must speak that word against him. He must speak that word against every thought that rises up, and that's why you have to know the scriptures of the spiritual warfare scriptures. And there are many of them. I'll give you several of them: "That when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him." And that standard is Jesus Christ and the word of God, or the truth of God. He'll raise up the Alpha and the Omega against him, the beginning and the end; and He'll speak against him with the Alpha and the Omega, with the word of God. And that's the standard that He'll raise up against him, the beginning and the end.

And the second thing is, "'Not by power nor by might, but by My Spirit,' sayeth the Lord of Hosts." And so by His Spirit I can speak against him and I can put him down, because I don't fight principalities with my flesh and blood, but I fight the principalities with the thoughts, the things, thoughts that he gives me, I fight them by spiritual words of the word of God out of my mouth; don't I? Not by thought, but by my mouth. I must speak those words with understanding out of my mouth; mustn't I?

And whenever he raises up and exalts himself, and raises up thoughts in my mind I will put those thoughts down. I'll pull down all those strongholds. I'll pull them down by speaking the word of God against them, and I'll run those words, those thoughts that come up to me, I'll run them through the word of God; and it says, "It does not match that

word, therefore, I cast you out, you thought." And I must seek out the source of the thought, because the thought undoubtably originates down in the old man's heart, in the old man that I was as Jacob; that's where I conceive the thoughts when I was young, and when I was little, and in the life before the time that I became a spiritual man.

That's what Jacob did; didn't he? He conceived all those evil thoughts in his heart to do those things against his brother, against his father-in-law, and against the others of the countries and the nations around him, therefore he had them in his heart and in his old way of life. They were in his mind; weren't they? So that's what I have to cast down; so I have to bring down, casting down all thoughts and imaginations in high places that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God, and to bring into captivity all thoughts against the knowledge of God.

How do I bring them into captivity? I call them in. I say, "Thought, come here! Let me run you through the word of God." And when I look at him, I say, "You don't match the word of God. You don't bring me peace and joy. You don't speak according to the word of God. You give me a question mark. You give me a lie. You cause me to be upset. You cause me fear. **You're a lie!** For I have perfect peace, and perfect peace casts out fear. Perfect peace casts out all lies; for all lies are fear, and all fears are lies."

For when a lie comes up against me, it originally, in the long run, it will bring me fear; won't it? Cause sooner or later that lie will cause me to have fear. And a lie will send me out into the brush, and I'll feel guilty; and I'll run from the Truth; I'll run from the Word of God; and then I'll go out into the brush and take my bible, and I'll try to study it in the dark where nobody can see me, so that I'll say, "I'll put on Jesus out here in the dark. I'll put on God by myself. I don't want anybody telling me. I don't want anybody to see me. I'll do it myself; and when I'm clean, and I'm pure, and I'm perfect by doing it myself, then I'll come back and show them how big a boy I am, or how big a girl I am." Lies, all lies, conceived in the heart of that man who was proud of himself and who fell into sin, and who had a lie in his heart, that he perpetrated and that he began to suck on, and he

began to deceive himself until he believed that lie and he ran from the Spirit who gives life.

For Jesus said, " It's good that I go, cause if I don't go and leave you, disciples, the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, will not come; and He's the other comforter. And except that He come, you won't know of Me. For He will tell you of Me and He will convict you of your sins, and He will convict you and bring justice upon you, that you will need to know that you'll need a savior, so that you will seek after the Lord, and He will cause you to know Me, that righteousness may be brought, hastening righteousness.

And in two places in the scripture tells you that in Isaiah 16:5, and again in John chapter 16 verses 9, 10, and 11, and 12 in that area. He told you the same thing. That's why the Holy Spirit comes, that's why the Spirit of truth is here, because He will speak the truth through your heart. He will speak it in the physical through people, through men, in whom are anointed of God in the day and the hour. He will speak it in the hour of His coming. He will speak it Himself, and He will bring it forth by the spirit inside, that He might convict you of sin, of your wrong. He will show you parallels of others, what they're doing wrong, so that you will think that they're wrong; but it's really you that's wrong.

And then He will tell you that if you judge them and say "Well, they've done wrong. I know that God is showing me how wrong they've been. I need to pray for them. No, you need to confess and repent for your sins, cause you're the one who has them; and He showed it to you in a dream as someone else. And that's exactly what your sins were. And you need to say, "Lord, that one you showed me, that's me. I'm the one that's wrong. I'm thinking that. I'm thinking evil. I've conceived evil in my own heart. I began to judge others, and now, Lord, You've shown me that that's what is happening." And I need to see it. And I need to be convicted.

And then when you're convicted, the penalty for it is death, because it's a sin against God, so instead, you run to Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit will tell you the scripture that you need to speak to bring forth justice cause justice must be paid for every sin against

God. God said that all things that are wrong would have justice. He will have justice. God is a just God. He will have justice. Every sin must be paid for.

And so the only way you can pay for it is to hustle to Jesus Christ. And that's why the Spirit of truth, the Holy spirit leads you to Him. He convicts you of the need for it, that you've got sin upon you and you begin to weep and cry with sorrow, confess your sins, repent, and then you cry for Jesus and salvation comes. And then that's the hastening of righteousness. And that fulfillment of the scripture that I just talked to you about, He then causes righteousness to come.

And that's the full cycle of the beginning of conception of sin in a man's heart, conceiving it from thought, to the time that he is brought back to justice, and repentance, and righteousness comes. And then after that is putting on the new man, beyond that, having a new heart, like it says in Eze. 18:31,32; it says, "I counsel you to get a new heart and to get a new spirit."

And then later in Eze. 36 it tells you, "I will give you one." How? When you know how to receive it, when you search out the word, when you come the right way, when your heart is right, when you're set on Me, when you have the right condition of your heart and spirit, when you've been in repentance and you know there's no other way. When you've wept and cried with all sorrow, and when you come to the truth and ask Him to bring it forth, to give you His heart, that He lay his life down for you, etc. and etc.

And in all this is the regeneration of life, the recycling, the regeneration of life and bringing forth to the point of being cleansed and purified, to bring forth salvation that you may then, sooner or later, have the new man put on. This is the meaning of it. This is sin to salvation. Understand me? Makes sense to your understanding now?