

JAMES 1:13-18

Real Faith Produces Genuine Stability

Contrasting Temptation & Testing

4 Truths about Temptation:

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2. Temptation is never prompted by God (Vs. 13)

- a. “by” - απο (Gr.) – apo (not hypo) – “originating from, indirect”
- b. 2 sides of be holy
 - i. Inability to be affected by evil
 - ii. Inability to cause evil

3. Temptation always follows a consistent process (Vss. 14-15)

- a. Life cycle of Evil
 - i. Conception is “desire” – Mental
 - ii. Birth through maturity is “sin” – Physical
 - iii. Offspring of evil is “death” – Reward
- b. “by his own evil desires”
 - i. “by” - υπο (Gr.) – hypo – “direct agent of”

4. Temptation flourishes on inconsistent thinking (Vs. 16)

- a. “deceived” - πλαναω (Gr.) – planao – “go astray, err, seduce”
- b. Temptation builds its case on
 - i. Deceptive thought
 - ii. Empty promises

CONTRAST

1. Testing of your faith reveals truth. (Vs. 16)

- a. Opposite of “deceived”
- b. As temptation hides truth, testing reveals the necessity of it
 - i. John 8:31-41

2. Testing of your faith helps you to recognize God’s good and perfect gifts.

- a. “perfect” - τεκνοτροφω (Gr.) – teknotropheo – “brought to its end, complete, perfect”
- b. John 3:22-30

3. Testing of your faith reveals God's constant unchanging character.

- a. “not” - ου (Gr.) – ou – “absolute negative”
- b. “change” - παραλλαγη (Gr.) - parallage – “fickleness; variableness”

4. Testing of your faith reveals the magnitude of who you are to God.

- a. “birth” - αποκυεω (Gr.) – apokyeo – “to bring forth, give birth to”
- b. “word” - λογοζ (Gr.) – logos – “a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea”
 - i. John 1:1
- c. “firstfruits” - απαρχη (Gr.) – aparche – “the beginning of the sacrifice”
 - i. Genesis 4:4; Exodus 13:2, Revelation 14:4 – (aparche is used)
 - ii. Perfect; without blemish

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