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James #3: Faith's Lifestyle: Trials and Temptations; like a flood

James 1:2 NKJV "when you fall into various trials"

We all need to know that the enemy of our souls is bearing down on us without control.

He is doing everything in his power to wreak havoc in our lives.

You need to know that God is not content to stand by and watch the enemy of your soul destroy.

God has planned to rush in and stop Him and put him to flight.

God is going to take vengeance on the enemy of our souls.

The Holy Spirit is calling the church to arise in the power of the blood of Christ and take a strong offensive position against the gates of hell.

God is not content with the status of the condition of things.

God expects us to walk in the victory that Jesus Christ attained through His vicarious suffering and death.

From that understanding, you need to know that the enemy of your soul is on a rampage.

He is going about as a roaring lion seeking to destroy.

But, this is not the greatest threat of the enemies attack.

Satan is coming against us through the things we desire and crave.

This has been his method of destruction from the beginning.

The desire and craving is so strong that you can hardly stand it.

#2

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#4

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Temptation is unbearable desire and strong craving.

Many of you have fallen into this trap.

Things you should not be involved in rise up in front of you.

You did not plan on going there, or exposure to the situation, but it showed up.

All of a sudden, your appetite and cravings kicked in.

Do you remember what happened in the beginning with Adam and Eve?

Everything was going great until a desire and craving was stimulated to disobey God.

Satan's stimulation presented in such a way that the man and woman were disarmed.

Satan did not come in with the truth.

He did not come in like a roaring lion.

He came in with deception and an appeal to their appetite.

Temptation is the desire and craving for the wrong things.

It is craving things that God forbids.
 It is craving things that are harmful to our body and spirit.

You may even justify it in your mind.

It is sin if God says it is wrong.

When we feel an urge or craving for things that God says are wrong, we are being tempted.

The Bible tells us to flee temptation.

Turn away from it and run for your life.

If you don't attack it the urge will bring destruction.

Where does temptation come from?

James gives us the answers.

He says:

- 1. Temptation is not of God, verse 13.***
- 2. Temptation is of man, of his own lusts, verse 14-16***
- 3. Temptation is not of the nature of God, verse 17-18***

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First, temptation is not of God, verse 13.

James 1:13 (NKJV) Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

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Look at the attitude of Adam and Eve when they fell into sin.

God asked Adam, what happened?

Adam was trying to escape the guilt.

Adam said what every one of us wants to say:

“the woman you gave me tempted me.” Genesis 3:12

When God turned to Eve, she said deferred the blame:

“the serpent deceived me” Genesis 3:13.

The point is that we seldom take responsibility for wrong actions.

- Man blames woman.
- Woman blames man.
- Spouse blames spouse.
- Child blames parent.
- Parent blames child.
- The student blames the teacher.
- The teacher blames the school.
- Partner blames partner.
- Employer blames employee.
- Employee blames the employer.

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James 1:14-15 NKJV But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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James makes this point very clear.

First, God cannot be tempted with evil.

By His very nature, God can have nothing to do with evil or temptation.

To tempt a person is an evil thing.

It takes a selfish, lustful, empty, lacking, carnal, self-seeking, and evil person to try to entice and seduce another.

God is not like that.

God is just the opposite.

That urge and craving does not come from God.

God wants you to turn away from evil.

God wants you to resist the devil and the evil.

God want you to take a stand against the trial and temptation.

#10



Second, God does not tempt any person to do evil.

God loves, cares, and seeks to save man.

God does not want to damage or destroy.

When a person is tempted to do the forbidden or harmful, the urge and craving is not of God.

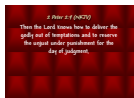
God wants you to turn away and flee from the temptation.

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1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

#12



2 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) Then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

Did you hear that?

God knows how to get you out of trouble.

God has already provided a way of escape.

God is ready to come to your aid like a pent up flood.

When the enemy comes against you, the Spirit of the Lord rises up.

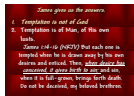
You need to be full of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said He would send another helper.

The Holy Spirit was given to help you when the enemy comes in.

The Holy Spirit was given to give you the change of authority, power, and character to stand in the evil day.

#13



Second, Temptation is of Man, of His own lusts.

James 1:14-16 (NKJV) But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, ***when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin***; and sin, when it

is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

#14



There are three significant steps involved here.

First, There is lust and enticement.

Every man is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lusts and enticed.

The word lust means to crave either good or evil.

There are good desires and bad desires.

The word enticed means to lure and bait.

We all have natural and normal desires.

You begin looking at something and desire it.

Desire is normal behavior.

Problems arise when we desire what God has forbidden or is harmful.

This is the beginning of temptation.

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Second, There is the conception of lust, and Third the birth of sin.

The conception of lust is when it is seen and desired.

Lust is born when we start focusing and craving a thing that is forbidden.

Sin is actually born at that point.

Temptation begins with our normal and natural desires.

It starts with a thought.

It is what we see, smell, taste, hear, touch, or think about something that is forbidden or harmful.

We fail to turn away and flee from it.

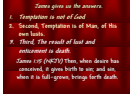
The mind begins to dwell on the thing.

The desire or lust for the pleasure of it takes hold.

Sin is born.

You need to know that the Holy Spirit is present to help you overcome.

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Third, The result of lust and enticement is death.

James 1:15 (NKJV) Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Man dies physically, spiritually, and eternally because of sin.

You need to know that God is not willing to sit idly by and allow the enemy to ravage your life.

He is rushing to your aid.

This is the reason that the Savior of your soul suffered.

When the enemy threatens to bear down on you without control, then the Spirit of the Lord shall stop him, and put him to flight.

He who has delivered, will still deliver.

You also need to know that God expects us to stand up and resist the devil.

He expects us to fill our mind and heart with His Word.

He expects us to hunger and thirst after righteousness.

He expects your appetite to be excited for the things of God.

He expects us to do all that we can to fight the good fight of faith.

Your victory over trials and temptations is a witness of the power of God to keep you.

1 John 4:4 NASB95 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.