



“Temptation: Don’t Blame God”

James 1:13-18

Week of May 10, 2020

I. Blaming Others

What is the topic of James 1:13-15?

What does James 1:13 tell us?

What does James 1:13 suggest is a tendency of us as people?

Why does the tendency of humans make no sense?

What kinds of things have you heard God blamed for?

How does the above fit in with Genesis 3:12?

How does James 1:14 show that we have the responsibility for our sin?

II. Moving Towards Sin

How does James 1:14 describe the process of sin happening in our lives?

The words “dragged away” have the sense of being trapped or entrapped. Describe what it means to be *trapped* or *entrapped*.

The word “enticed” means to be *lured*. It has the picture of fishing. Describe what it means to be *enticed*.

How is the temptation we face often described in a benign and light hearted way by our culture?

How is Satan also described in the same benign and lighthearted way by people and by our media?

What is the real intention of Satan when it comes to our lives?

What does the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the victory of the resurrection mean for us as Christians as it relates to the power of Satan?

As Christians, what is the intention of Satan in our lives?

To be enticed and trapped is often spoken of as a way to diminish our responsibility. What would you say in response to this?

James 1:15 gives us another picture of the process of sin. What is it?

Describe the process of sin as it relates to temptation and desire and sin.

What is the end result of sin according to James 1:15? What is meant by this?

What impact does sin have on our relationship to God?

III. The Giving of God

What does the first part of James 1:17 tell us about God?

How would you describe the words “good and perfect” to someone?

What are some of these good and perfect gifts that God has given to you?

How does our culture and the media of our culture often portray God in a way that is quite contrary to this?

How else is God described in James 1:17? How does it help you to think of God being unchangeable?

What does James 1:18 tell us that God gave to us? How is this gift of God good and perfect for you?

What has God taught you today about temptation in your life?