

The Pathway of Sin

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- ▶ Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.
- ▶ Jas 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does He tempt any man:
- ▶ Jas 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
- ▶ Jas 1:15 Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.
- ▶ Jas 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Key Questions

- ▶ What is sin?
- ▶ What is temptation?
 - ▶ Are all temptations evil?
 - ▶ What does it mean to 'endure' temptation?
- ▶ What is a trial?
- ▶ Are all temptations of the flesh?
 - ▶ Is there such a thing as temptation of the spirit?
- ▶ Can denial of a temptation result in sin?
- ▶ Can you sin by not taking responsibility?

Tempted of Who?

- ▶ **Jas 1:13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither He tempts any man:
- ▶ God tempts no one!
 - ▶ He may allow your faith to be tested.
 - ▶ He may allow you to be presented with circumstances where there is a choice between good and evil.
 - ▶ God places nothing before any human being with a view to induce him to do wrong. Many have attributed their failures to God and not taken responsibility upon themselves. This is a grave mistake!
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- ▶ 2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- ▶ 2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
- ▶ Jud 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

The Solution

- ▶ 1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Also see Jude 1:20ff
- ▶ We will be tempted our entire lives! Expect it! Be diligent!
- ▶ How we handle temptation is a matter of the truth of our hearts towards God!
- ▶ Endure temptation to be approved of God! Get the crown of life!!
- ▶ Joh. 5:24, 39; 6:27, 40, 47, 54, 68, 1Joh. 3:15; 5:11, 20