

Faith That Works, Part 2: “Trusting When Tempted”

James 1:13-18

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James 1:13-18 (ESV)

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

One Thing from James 1:13-18: Beloved, do not be deceived when tempted, but trust the truth of God’s goodness.

Sermon Outline:

- 1) Do not be deceived about temptation:
 - a) Sinners are not tempted by God (13)
 - b) We are dragged away by our own desire (14-15)

- 2) Do not be deceived about God:
 - a) Our Heavenly Father does not change in his goodness (16-17)
 - b) He has given us the gift of new birth and life (18)