



DIGGING DEEPER

James 1v13-18 – Faith and Temptation

PLEASE READ – James 1v13-18

GETTING STARTED

Talk about the change of focus from v12-13...

How would you define temptation?

1) BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF (v13-14)

Who were James first readers 'tempted' to blame? Who might we be 'tempted' to blame? What does James have to say to them and us?

What part do you think Satan plays in all of this? See also Luke 4v1-2

Why do you think James leaves Satan out of the picture here?

Are we in danger of playing the 'blame game'? (passing the blame onto others / justifying our sin)

2) BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS (v14-16)

Talk about the language of being 'dragged away' and 'enticed' in v14...

Is the story of David and Bathsheba a helpful illustration of that principle and how it actually operates? (See 2 Sam 11v1-5)

What are the big dangers for you? What do you need to remember? (v15-16)

3) BE THANKFUL TO GOD (v17-18)

Do you find these verses refreshing (especially given their immediate context)? If so, how? What particular words or phrases do you find most refreshing / challenging?

What do you want to thank God for?

Do that now as you turn to Him in prayer!

Meditate on the words of James...

V17-18: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.