



People wrongly blame God for their temptations

- Dark view of God
- Denial of personal responsibility
- Diminishing of worship
- Defeat in temptation

Biblical answer?



Our good God never tempts anyone

- Temptations are a trial (12a)
- People blame God (13a)
- God cannot be tempted (13b)
- God tempts no one

GOD TRIES US WITH EVIL BUT NEVER TEMPTS US WITH EVIL.

Source of temptations?

LIVING FAITH IN TESTING TIMES

JAMES 1:12-18

BEATING TEMPTATION BY WORSHIPPING GOD

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO REMAINS STEADFAST UNDER TRIAL, FOR WHEN HE HAS STOOD THE TEST HE WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE, WHICH GOD HAS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM. JAMES 1:12.



Beat temptation by praising God for his gifts, especially for how he uses our temptations for our good and his glory



Our evil desires are source of temptation

- Conception of desire (14-15a)
- Birth of sin (15b)
- Growth of sin (15c)
- End of sin (15d)

OUR HEARTS GIVE LIFE TO SINS THAT KILL OUR LIFE

Any hope?



Our good God gives only good gifts

- Every good gift from God (16-17)
- New birth from God (18a)
- New status from God (18b)
- New resilience from God (12a)
- New future from God (12b)

WE ARE WORSE THAN WE EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE, BUT GOD IS BETTER THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE

Action?