

Trials and Temptations

James 1:12-18

Main Point:

Since God gives only good gifts to His children, persevere through your trials and their accompanying temptations.

1. Trials are always accompanied by temptations to sin.
2. God may be providing the trials, but He's not tempting you to sin.
3. God only gives good gifts to His children.
4. Therefore, persevere through your trials and their accompanying temptations.

Douglas Moo “While God may test or prove his servants in order to strengthen their faith, he never seeks to induce sin and destroy their faith.”

Kevin DeYoung “It is possible to experience profound temptations to sin while still being blameless from that sin.”

Hebrews 4:15 ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. (NKJV)

Douglas Moo “Christian maturity is not indicated by the infrequency of temptation but by the infrequency of succumbing to temptation.”

Douglas Moo “James is not writing a scientific treatise but is using general language about the constant motion of the heavenly bodies to make a point about God: he does not change like the heavens do.”

Romans 8:32 ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (NKJV)

Romans 8:18 ¹⁸ ... the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (NKJV)