

Never Blame God for Your Sin (Jas. 1:13-15)

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Contextual Review

James began this first division with an exhortation about enduring _____.

The ultimate purpose of those trials: the _____ choice of living a mature, undivided life of _____.

Other topics in this division of the letter are:

- _____ in faith for the wisdom that enables one to endure trials with joy (vv. 5-8)
- The trial of poverty and _____ (vv. 9-11)
- A _____ to those who persevere in trials (v. 12)

The man who _____ chooses to persevere under trial is the man who has a deep, inner _____ and satisfaction because he never relinquishes his confident _____ in God.

The principle is simple, clear, and marvelously gracious: _____ brings God's approval.

_____ and afflictions that meet Christians in the world can produce spiritual perfection and lead to God's _____ if they are endured in faith.

What Not to Say When Tempted (v. 13a)

When he is tempted =

If a believer responds in faithful _____ to God's Word, it was a _____ he successfully endured. If a believer succumbs to it in the flesh, _____ and disobeying God, it was a _____ he gave in to. In vv. 2-4 and 12, the word is used in the sense of trials, or _____. But in vv. 13-14, the idea is clearly that of temptation, or solicitation to _____.

Say =

Just as it is common to man to be _____, it is also common to _____ someone or something else, not only for being tempted, but when we _____ to the temptation.

Why We Must Not Blame God for Temptations (v. 13b-14)

Reasons why God does not tempt us:

Simply put: God does not try to _____ people to act wickedly.

When he is carried away =

Enticed =

Lust =

Every one of us carries our own concoction of _____ in our hearts.

The problem is not a tempter from _____, but the sinner _____.

People facing trials must not attempt to _____ any failure to resist temptation by blaming that temptation on _____.

The Life Cycle of Sin (v. 15)

Sin is not an _____ act or event, but is the result of a specific _____.

It is only the believer who is able to _____ his emotional responses to temptations when they _____ appear who will effectively deal with sin.

If a _____ becomes a _____, it is sinful human nature that makes it so.

The wise v. foolish choice in this passage: Those who wisely choose to _____ under trial will receive spiritual endurance, righteousness, wisdom, and other _____, while those who foolishly choose to _____ God for giving in to the temptations brought about by trials will experience the wages of sin, which is _____.