

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

Trials & Theological Amnesia (Part 2)

James 1:13-18

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To live wisely in trials, believers must remember truths of Scripture.

In verses 2-12, James told us that in trials we must remember:

1. that God providentially uses trials to strengthen our faith,
 2. that God has the wisdom we're lacking,
 3. to celebrate our eternal position in Christ, and
 4. that God's future reward to those who endure trials is a sure promise.
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5. **In trials we must remember that God doesn't tempt us, we're responsible for our sin. (vv.13-15)**

6. In trials we must remember that God only gives good gifts to His children. (vv.16-18)

Book Recommendation

Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts by Jerry Bridges

Questions to Consider

1. Where does temptation *not* come from? Where does it come from? (vv.13-14)
2. Where does temptation lead, if not resisted? (v.15)
3. Temptation does not come from God. What *does* come from Him? (vv.17-18)
4. God never changes. (v.17b) Why is this good news? Consider this attribute of God more by reading and discussing these passages: Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Ps. 102:26; Mal. 3:6; Heb. 6:17-18
5. What is the "word of truth?" If we are brought forth "by the word of truth", do you think it's possible for a person to be saved apart from the gospel?
6. What thought process have verses 13-18 taught us to go through, and encourage others to go through, when temptation comes?