

# PRACTICAL WISDOM

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A STUDY OF THE  
BOOK OF JAMES

PERFECT GIFTS – JAMES 1:12-18



# James 1:

12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.14 But each one is tempted



# James 1:

when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming



# James 1:

down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.<sup>18</sup> In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

# CHALLENGE OF TRIALS- #1- PT 2

- James sharing with needy people
- Another aspect of true faith: trials and...
- The inner struggle – temptation!
- Same root, different focus...

# STARTS WITH A PROMISE

- Blessed are you! In trials???
- If you persevere! Work with God...
- Same as in vs. 2 = approved!
- A crown of life... 'those who love Him'

# LET NO ONE SAY...

- A great misunderstanding!
- God 'tempts' no one!!!
- Nothing to do with evil
- The 'Blame Game' – everyone's favorite
- God made me this way...

# WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED...

- 2 very interesting words....
- ‘carried away’ – cravings, drawn out
- ‘enticed’ – to catch by bait
- What’s on the hook???





# A GRAPHIC PICTURE

- Conceived by sin, evil desires, cravings
  - Sin always starts small...
- Sin “grows” brings to an end
- ‘Births’ death...
- Warning: don’t be deceived! Lead astray

# FROM FATHER

- God gives better! Re-focus!!!
  - Good things “if you know how to give...”
  - Perfect gifts
- Father of Lights – no variation or shifting

# FIRST FRUITS

- Word of truth – not deception or lures!
- God gives us His *logos* – Himself
- Living and written
- A different ‘birthing’ –
- First fruits....



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and every perfect gift  
is from above

~ James 1:17 ~