

## James 1 12-15

- I. Bearing up under temptation will bring the blessing of life (12)
  - A. Blessed is the man who resists temptation/bears up under testing (12a)
  - B. Reason: Because as a result of being tested, he will receive the promised crown of life (12b-d)
    - 1. Being tested (12b)
    - 2. Result: He will receive God's promised crown of life (12c-d)
      - a He will receive the crown of life (12c)
      - b Which He [God] promised to those who love Him (12d)
- II. Let no one blame God for sin, which is rather a consequence of our own desires (13-15)
  - A. Let no one blame God if they are tempted (13a-c)
    - 1. Condition: being tested/tempted (13a)
    - 2. Effect: Let no one blame God for the temptation. (13b-c)
      - a Let no one say: (13b)
      - b That "I am tempted by God" (13c)
  - B. Reason: For temptation does not come from God, but from our own desires (13d-15)
    - 1. Neg: For God neither is tempted nor tempts others (13d-e)
      - a God cannot be tempted by evil (13d)
      - b And He tempts no one (13e)
    - 2. Pos: But sin comes from our own illegitimate desires and leads to death (14-15)
      - a But each one is dragged away and enticed by his own strong desires (14)
        - 1) Each one is tempted by his own strong desires (14a)
        - 2) By being dragged away and enticed (14b-c)
          - a) Being dragged away (14b)
          - b) And enticed (14c)
      - b The result of [giving in to] strong desire is sin (15a-b)
        - 1) After conceiving (15a)
        - 2) The strong desire gives birth to sin (15b)
      - c The result of sin is death (15c-d)
        - 1) When it is finished/fully formed (15c)
        - 2) Sin gives birth to death (15d)