

James 1:12-18 – Crossroads 11/03/19

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Verse #12 – What is the difference between “trial” & “test”?

Verse #13 – “trial” & “tempt” are the same Greek word. Does God “tempt”?

Verse #14 – From where does temptation come?

The Road to Sin...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How do we resist? (HDJDI – Luke 4)

“There is no shadow of turning with Thee...”

There is NO “dark side” when we turn His direction... only light & Truth!

James 1:5-11 – (The Part We Skipped)

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Instead of preaching a message on James 1:5-11, I decided to simply write a quick reflection to transition us from last week’s “Dokimion” message to this week’s message on “Crossroads”.

In verses 5-8, James writes about wisdom. Wisdom is the knowledge of what is right & wrong and the knowledge of what is the proper action or response (discernment).

Do you want to KNOW & DO what is right in God’s eyes? If you do, the answer is simple; ask God for wisdom.

God is the source of all wisdom so... ask the source. God delights in giving. God is generous & His character is to give because He loves. In verse 6 James issues the challenge, the caveat of asking God... BELIEVE that He CAN, that He WANTS TO give it to YOU, & that He WILL.

Faith excludes doubt. If we doubt He can, or would give it to us (doubting His love & care for us because we are not worthy), then we don’t really have faith in Him. True FAITH means we have confidence in God, meaning we believe God is who He says He is and, therefore, we KNOW He will give & we EXPECT Him to do so.

James reminds us about what Jesus said in the beatitudes, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Do not be double-minded & unstable. Be tenacious, unwavering, solely focused on God & what He is up to in you, around you, and through you!

In verses 9-11 James provides an example of remaining “single-minded.”

Whether you are rich or poor, our deepest needs are met by Christ alone. Don’t get too excited or depressed about your current state of financial affairs. Remain faithful, single-minded, pure in heart, knowing that what truly matters is that, in Christ, we are on the winning team.

One thing can change & make a rich man poor & a poor man rich... so do not rely on worldly things. Remain faithful no-matter-what because eternity is A LOT longer than “life.”