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James 1:13-15

*Temptation
in the Christian Life – Part 1*



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Review so Far:

- In verses 1-12 of James's letter, we are told to count it all joy when we fall into the circumstances of trials- *peirasmos*
- Knowing from our experience of God's purposes in trials, that He uses these to approve (*dokimazo*) our faith- we become battle-tested, we will reach His goal: perfected faith, lacking 'no parts' (complete) in faith- full spiritual maturity
- If we need wisdom, we just ask in faith, not doubting, and He promises to give it simply without restrictions or strings
- These so far have been *peirasmos* trials from **outside** sources used of God for our growth
- In today's verses, we convert in the **inner** *peirasmos* temptations, those which are temptations to sin
- These temptations are brought on by our desires/lusts: whose source is our Old Nature

The Value of Dokimozo testing:



Bob is Dokimozo(ed) tested-
In ancient Greece, a doctor of
medicine 'passed the
examination' and was
approved as a practitioner....



Matt: Dokimozo(ed) tested: Air Force systems
at AFOTEC – [Air Force Operational Testing &
Evaluation Center](#) w/ a view to approving Air Force
systems by battle-testing them in real world combat
situations before the A.F. purchased the systems



WHAT ARE THE SOURCES TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS ?

THEY ARE BOTH EXTERNAL & INTERNAL

- TRIALS [peirazo]
 - TRIBULATION [thlipsis]
 - AFFLICTION [thlipsis]
- TESTING [peirazo] [dokimazo]
- TEMPTATION [peirazo]
- SUFFERING [paschō]





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An Imperative in the present tense, active voice: ‘Let no man say when he is **peirazō**(ed)[passively]:
in essence: *‘this temptation is coming from God!’*

- This is an internal temptation to sin
- This is NOT the good sense of **peirasmos**, this is the BAD SENSE; the good sense is what God allows us to fall into in order to prove out our faith and have us seek an escape (peace of God) in Him to endure the trial.
- Examples of the GOOD sense of trial: a) Paul’s thorn in the flesh- II Cor. 12:7 (to keep Paul from exalting himself); b) Abraham offering up Issac as a sacrifice – Heb. 11:17... *‘by faith Abraham, when he was tested... offered up Issac’*

THE **BAD SENSE** of TESTING/TEMPTING = A **SOLICITATION TO SIN**

1. **EXTERNAL**: used of **Satan** to Jesus, the **Pharisees** to God, the **World**; **Man** to Paul; **Riches**; **Various other sources**: [Luk 4:13; 1 Cor 7:5; Heb 2:18; 4:15; 1 Pet 4:12; Mt 16:1; 19:3; Jn 8:6; Luk 8:13; Acts 20:19; I Tim 6:9; Heb 11:37; Jas 1:2]

2. **INTERNAL**: The **Heart** of man; the **Sin Nature**. [Heb. 3:8; Jas 1:14,15]

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The temptation TO SIN cannot come from God

WHY?

- In His Character / His essence there is no sin- I Jn 3:5

REMARK: ‘God was tempted, though right?’ How could the verse say God cannot be tempted by evil?

TRUE: He was tempted:

- **The Father being tempted :**
 - By the Pharisees - Acts 15:10
 - By the wilderness crowd - Heb 3:9
- **Christ being tempted :**
 - By Satan - Lu 4:13
 - By the Pharisees - Mt 16:1; 19:3; Jn 8:6
 - By believers - 1Cor 10:9
- **The Holy Spirit being tempted**
 - By Ananias & Sapphira - Acts 5:9

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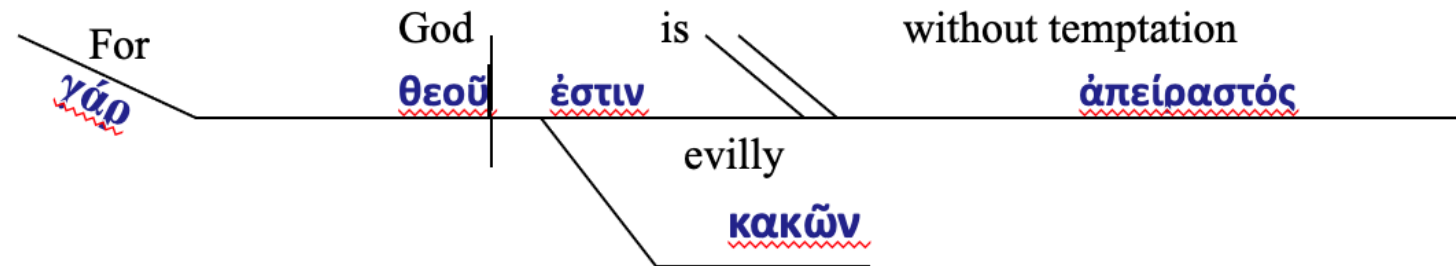
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God can be tempted by the Jews in the wilderness, by Annanias & Sapphira, by Satan

But: He cannot respond with evil; it is AGAINST His character:

The Greek structure of “for God cannot be tempted by(with) evil”:



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- God is without temptation (evilly)
- Since it's impossible for Him (doesn't have it in His Character)
- He also cannot tempt anyone with/to sin
- He, Himself is tempting no one. (literal translation)
- But: many have tried, failed (Satan, the Pharisees)



James 1: 14

14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

But: in contrast to God doing the tempting (the solicitation to sin); it is **'each one'** and **'his own'** lust . .

- Each one / his own: is internally sourced
- In other words, James is saying just like the old teenage slasher movie: *"The call is coming from inside the house!!!!"*

'Carried away' – **ek** (out of; away from) + **helkō** (draw; drag off): PASSIVE voice

- Therefore: it's his own lust that is luring him away from: abiding; fellowship; living/walking by the New Man

'Enticed' - **deleazō** (to bait or catch by bait)- allure; beguile. PASSIVE voice again

- This is the word for: a lure in fishing

'lust' = **epithymia** - desire; a craving; a longing. Can be used in a good sense: Paul earnestly craved to depart the earth and be with Christ; Jesus earnestly desired to eat His last Passover with the disciples...

Here: it's in the illicit sense; No good can come from it



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.. when lust has **'conceived'** – *syllambanō*

- Used of Elizabeth and subsequently, Mary conceiving
- But also: of being arrested; seized- as Jesus was at Gethsemane

Here: though it is the former; resulting in birthing sin:

And then sin brings forth it's wages: DEATH:

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord- Rom 6:23

'brings forth' – in Greek is bringing forth from the womb; continuing the metaphor.

Has **'run its course'** – *apoteleō* is bringing to an end; accomplishing; brought to its GOAL

Finally: death brings: _____.



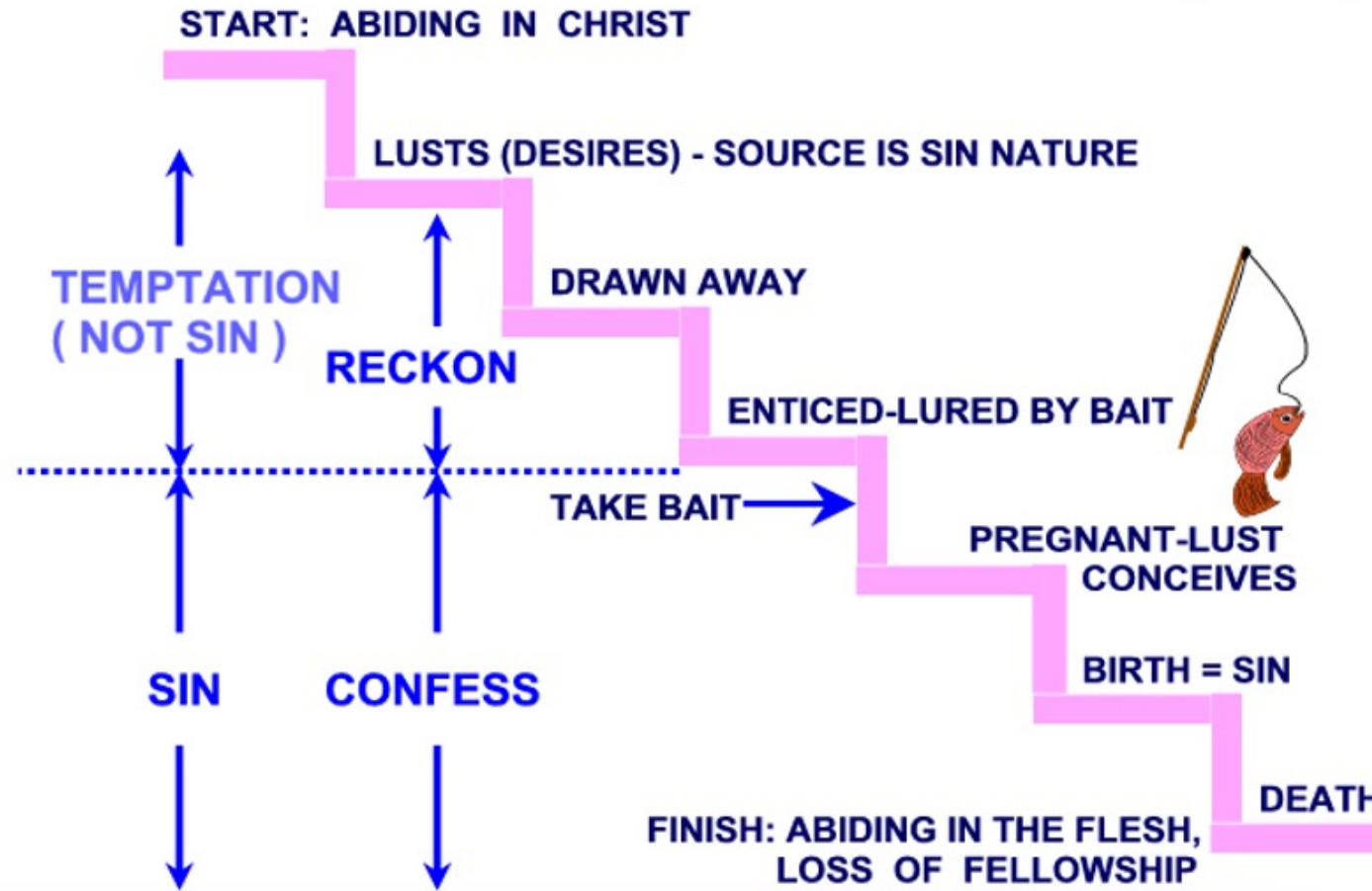


TRIALS AND SUFFERING

THE TEMPTATION PROCESS

JAMES 1:14-15

Rom 6:11; Col 3:25; Gal 5:24



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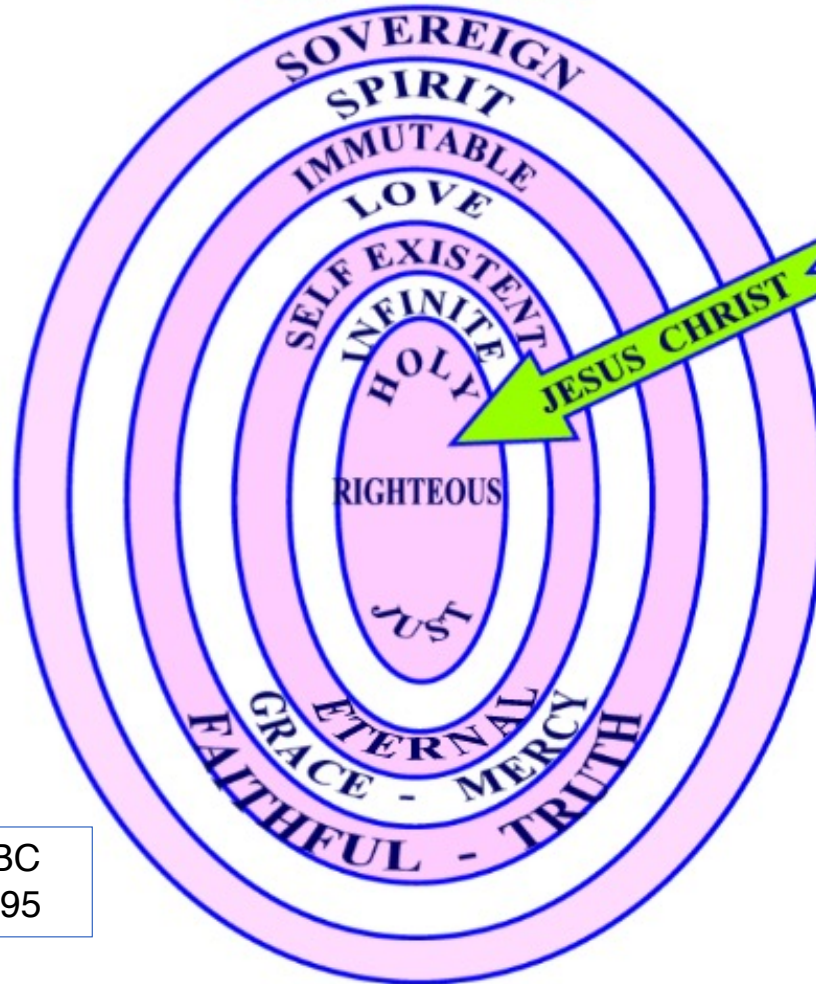


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WHAT IS SIN ?

IT IS MISSING THE MARK OF GOD'S GLORY - ROM 3:23

GOD'S GLORY



SINNED =
MISSED THE MARK
FAILING TO REACH
COMING SHORT =



ALL MANKIND
ROM 1:19-21

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The Complete(?) SIN Catalog :

Question : Do you personally identify with any of these sins ?

- Murder
- Adultery
- Prostitution
- Fornication
- Sorcery
- Homosexuality
- Drunkenness
- Magic Arts
- Lewdness
- Rape
- Heresies
- Idolatry
- Rage
- Immorality
- Slanderous
- Insolent
- Rebellious
- Scornful
- Harshness
- Roughness
- Deceitful
- Ignorance
- Hard-Hearted
- Self Ambition
- Dissension
- Fraudulent
- Dishonesty
- Flattery
- Greed
- Falsehood
- Swindler
- Incest
- Jealousy
- Envy
- Tempting Others
- Stumbling Block
- Conceited
- Seditious
- Gluttony
- Carnality
- Factious
- Enmity
- Strife
- Unkind
- Divisive
- Reveling
- Unfaithful
- Self Absorbed
- Arrogance
- Disobedient
- Inconsiderate
- Lying
- Murmur
- Faultfinder
- Abusive
- Sexual Lusts
- Defensive
- Hypocritical
- Profanity
- Steals
- Bragger
- Strife
- Takes
- Advantage
- Carousing



The Complete(?) SIN Catalog, part B:

SIN = *hamartia*- MISS THE MARK OR WANDER FROM THE RIGHTEOUS PATH

- Casting Blame
- Anger
- Irritability
- Bitterness
- Resentful
- Self Pity
- Discouraged
- Fearful
- Worry
- Anxiety
- Loneliness
- Depression
- Despair
- Short-Tempered
- Moody
- Critical
- Not Abiding
- Unrest
- Provoking
- Complaining
- Inhospitable
- Excessiveness
- Extravagance
- Laziness
- Busybody
- Miserliness
- Discontent
- Aggressive
- Glorifies Self
- Lack of Faith
- Gossip
- Unconcerned
- Selfishness
- Unloving
- Insensitive
- Argumentative
- Unthankful
- Never Satisfied
- Obstinacy
- Impatient
- Hatred
- Wrathful
- Malice
- Judgmental
- Flattery
- Uncaring
- Covetous
- Quarrelsome
- Lack of Joy
- Thoughtless
- Hostile
- Factions
- Selfishness
- Ungentle
- Desires :
 - Popularity
 - Influence
 - Reputation
 - Prestige
 - Acceptance
 - Success
 - Power
 - Riches
 - Wisdom