

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

Outline of the Book:

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 - Origin of Trials (13-18)
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Things to remember:

- Trials are godly in purpose and function
- Temptations are driven by our lusts
- Rich and Poor are both given the choice – crown!
- 19 – quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger
- Rather, put aside the filthy and get implanted!
- Perfect law of freedom – the mirror!
- Effectual doers vs. forgetful hearers

Dealing with the Tongue #1

- Forgetful “hearers only” - #1 failure
 - Think they are religious... all the trappings/rituals
 - *threskos* 1x – to tremble, mutter prayers, cry out
 - Mt 6:1-18 deals with much of this as well, Pharisees
 - Tithes, prayer, fasting, attendance – not enough!!!
- Bridle your tongue! Note: not someone else’s!!!
 - Vs 19 again...*chalinagogeo*, hold in check (2x, 3:2)
 - Pres. Act – we do it and keep on doing it
 - Only we can “check” our tongues!
 - What forms can this take???

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- interrupting and dominating the conversation
- being easily provoked and lashing out at others
- gossiping and telling tales
- criticizing and murmuring
- judging and condemning others
- using slang and cursing
- engaging in suggestive and off-colored talk
- talking about and running down others

Deceptions & Truth

- Deceives his heart
 - (*apatao*) – cheat, beguile, trick, from 22's warning...
 - Note: it is the HEART that is deceived ultimately
 - This brings a worthless/vain religion (ceremony)
- Contrast – pure and undefiled, in God's sight
 - What a difference... forgotten mirrors or His sight!
 - Visit (*episkeptomai*) (see Mt 25:36,43)
 - To look upon with the thought of helping
- Keep yourself unstained from the world!
 - Keep and keep on being unspckled from dirt/slime

Widows and orphans

- Job 22:9; 29:12,13; 31:15-20; Ex 22:22; Dt 24:17; 26:12; Ps 10:14; 68:5; Isa 1:17; 10:2; **58:6,7**; Jer 22:3; 49:11; Lam 5:3; Acts 6:3
- Mt 25 – sheep and the goats...
- Christianity has been the first to help the needy
- John 14:18...

Issues of favoritism (2:1-13)

- My brethren (1:19; 2:5,14; 3:1; 5:7)
 - We are always to think of one another this way...
- We have a faith that needs to be held!
 - *echo* – to have, wear, hold fast (pres. act. imp)
 - but not with favoritism...
- 3 charges here:
 - *Vs. 1 - prosopolepsia* – respecter of persons
 - *Vs. 4 – diakrino* - to separate one's self in a hostile spirit, to oppose, strive with dispute, contend
 - *Vs. 4 – krites* - judges, *poneros* – evil, wicked