

Test, Tried, and Tempted

James 1.12-15

Theme

In this passage, James shows believers to understand three vital realities that will help them to properly respond to any trial in a God-honoring way.

I. The Reward of Perseverance

- a. Perseverance brings God's Blessing

- b. Perseverance brings God's Approval

- c. Perseverance is Promised by God

II. The Reality about Temptation

- a. Temptation is Inevitable

- b. Temptation is not from God (because)
 - i. God cannot be tempted by evil

 - ii. God does not tempt anyone

III. The Ruin of Succumbing

a. Temptation's beginning is internal

b. Temptation's allure is personal

c. Temptation's result is death

Application

1. What or Who do I look to when I am going through trials?

2. Can I be assured that I will receive the crown of life?

3. What are some of the ways I have been tempted in the midst of trials?

4. How can I be better prepared for the temptations I will face in trials?