

THE MECHANISMS OF TEMPTATION

I. Every man is tempted

A. 1 Cor. 10:13

B. No man is exempt. Even Jesus faced temptation but never sinned.

II. Trials of our faith vs temptations to sin

A. James 1:1-8 - When we face trials, get God's perspective

B. James 1:9-11 – What ultimately matters is what is eternal

C. James 1:12 – We are blessed when we endure trials

III. The mechanisms of temptation

A. James 1:13 - 17

1. God never plays the role of tempter, solicitor, enticer v. 13

2. Temptation's power is broken when we control our lusts vv.14, 15

a. Temptation is our desires/lusts + satan's enticement

b. When our will yields to lust + satan's enticement it conceives SIN

B. James 1:16 - Temptations involve deception

C. James 1:17 – God is constant, not subject to variation or change