

Drawn Away



James 1:13-17

Who's To Blame?

- God? (Gen. 3:12)
 - “God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone” - James 1:13
 - “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” - James 1:17
 - “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.” - 1 John 1:5
 - God does test us and allows trials to befall us. (Job 1; James 1:2)
 - But He cannot and will not tempt us to do evil.

Who's To Blame?

- Satan? (Gen. 3:13)
 - Satan certainly has a role. (Gen. 3:14-15; Acts 5:3)
 - But we are still responsible for following our own desires. (Gen. 3:16-19; John 8:44)
- We must bear responsibility for our sin.

The Path Of Sin

- “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” - James 1:13-15
- Desire -> Enticed -> Sin -> Death

The Path Of Sin

- Desire
 - “and the woman was very beautiful to behold.” - 2 Sam. 11:2
- Enticed
 - “So David sent and inquired about the woman” - 2 Sam. 11:3
- Sin
 - “Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her” - 2 Sam. 11:4
 - “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.” - 2 Sam. 11:15
- Death
 - “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!” - 2 Sam. 12:5
 - “You are the man!” - 2 Sam. 12:7

What Shall We Do?

- Humble yourself.
 - James 4:7-10
- Desire God above all.
 - Consider how Christ resisted Satan. (Luke 4)
- “Make no provision.”
 - Romans 13:14
 - Matthew 5:29-30

What Shall We Do?

- Resist.
 - James 4:7
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13
- When you fail, turn back to God.
 - Psalm 51
 - 2 Peter 3:9
- Don't fight the battle alone.
 - James 5:14-16
 - Galatians 6:1-2