

James 1:13-27 – Bible Study

You may like to watch this video as you prepare: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/james/>

Opening questions:

Nat mentioned the acronym 'HALTS' (Hungry-Angry-Lonely-Tired-Stressed) during his talk on Sunday as a strategy to help resist temptation. Did you find this helpful? Do you have any strategies that help you resist temptation?

Read:

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General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

A. Temptation

- A direct and personal question... What sin are you tempted by most often?
- What does it mean that God isn't tempted by evil?
- How do we understand verse 13 given the fact that Jesus was tempted whilst on earth (Matthew 4:1-11), yet he was God?
- Are there any ways in which you are blaming God for being tempted in a certain area?

1. Tempted to... Lose sight of God's goodness (v16-18)

- Have you ever experienced a season when you have been tempted to doubt God's goodness?
- What do you think James means when he says, "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father..." (verse 17)?

2. Tempted to... Let our tongues run loose (v19-21 and 26)

- What does it look like when we are "quick to listen"?
- Are there ways in which you struggle with anger? Can you recognise what may trigger your anger?
- In what ways can our words make our "religion worthless"? (Discuss verse 26).

3. Tempted to... Listen, but not act (v22-25 and 27)

- Are there ways in which you recognise you are listening to the word but not acting on it?
- Do you have any tips for how can we look at God's word and not forget what it says?
- Discuss verse 27. What does this mean for us?

Response

- Perhaps spend some time in silence before God.
- Use a song, played in the background (or to sing), to draw near to God.