

Trial and Temptation (James 1:1-18)



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Greetings. (James 1:1-4)

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9 The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. 10 But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business. (James 9:1-11)

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Are you facing
adversity?

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- Attitude: Rejoice
- Process: Persevere

Perseverance is Gold

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Seeking Help in Trial

- Wisdom
- Faith



Caterpillar becoming a chrysalis



Butterfly emerging from a chrysalis

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- Evil Desire => Tempted
=> Birth to Sin => Death

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(Genesis 3:4-7)

- Satan's 3 Usual Tactics
 - Desire (Genesis 3:6)
 - Delusion (Genesis 3:1,4-5)
 - Decline (Genesis 3:14-24)

Sex, Silver, Self

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — comes not from the Father but from the world. (1 John 2:16)



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(Genesis 3:4-7)

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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(Matthew 4:1-11)

- ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"
- ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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Situation	Adverse	Smooth
Inside/Outside	External Pressure	Inner Desire

Warm, Full and Lustful

May Co-Exist

Do not Swing between
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