

SESSION 4
JAMES 1.12-15

We considered in the previous session how worldly wealth and position are nothing before the presence of Almighty God. Holy Spirit inspired humility and wisdom will always show us in the depth of our hearts that we are complete in Christ Jesus alone, and He is the exaltation that we have as citizens of His kingdom. We stand together on level ground before the cross of Christ and all other personal accolades grow strangely dim.

Today we will consider the role that temptation plays in our worldly experience and examine how our falling out of fellowship with God unfolds and how it can be prevented.

V 12 What correlation do you see between this verse and verses 2-3?

What exactly is the crown of life? Rev 2.10

Who are those that receive the crown of life?

How would you define "passion for Jesus Christ"?

V 13 -14 What is the truth about the source of temptation in our lives?

How does James describe the nature of temptation?

V 15 What are the steps that James identifies in the process of spiritual death into which temptation leads us?

What is this death that James illuminates? Rm 7. 21-24

What is the difference between being tested and being tempted?

Gen 22.1-2

1 Pt 5.8

"When believers fall through temptation it often occurs because they walk into it themselves. They are so careless and ill-prepared for their spiritual warfare that they may fall into temptation unrestrained by God. For this reason we are to constantly pray, 'Lord, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.' " Mt 6.13.

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We are not left without recourse in our struggles with temptation. How does God help us in the precise moment that we encounter it? 1 Cor 10.13

What is the wisdom of Joseph in Gen 39.7-12?