

## GENUINE FAITH AND THE TEMPTATION TO SIN James 1:12-18

### I. **The Nature of Perseverance and Temptation (12).**

James 5:11: Indeed we count them **blessed who endure**. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Revelation 2:10: Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, **that you may be tested**, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and **I will give you the crown of life**.

### II. **The Nature of Evil and Temptation (13).**

1 Corinthians 10:13: No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; **but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation **will also make the way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it.

### III. **The Nature of Man and Temptation (14-15).**

John Owen (1616-1683): *Temptations and occasions put nothing into a man, but only draw out of what was in him before.*

Romans 6:16, 23: Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of **sin leading to death**, or of obedience leading to righteousness? **23 For the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### IV. **The Nature of God and Temptation (16-18).**

Psalms 25:8: **Good and upright is the Lord**; therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

Nahum 1:7: **The Lord is good**, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.

Malachi 3:6a: For I am the Lord, **I do not change**.