

James 1:14~ But each one is tried by being drawn out and enticed¹ by his own desire.

Footnote: Or, caught as by bait Literally, being baited on

1· James then shows that a second thing, something within us, our own heart's desire also tests us out. This desire draws us to wrong conduct, due to the desires of our fallen flesh. Each anointed Christian then must allow his love for Yehowah God's Holy Spirit to overpower these fleshly desires to gain the victory over them and continue in the race for life.

[Question] What then, does James show, really tests us out?

[Question] What struggle then, does each anointed Christian have, and between what two forces operating within them?

2· Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it. (Genesis 3:6)

[Question] What caused Eve to accept Satan the Devil's wrong suggestion?

3· They have acted ruinously on their own part. They are not his children, the defect is their own. A generation crooked and twisted! (Deuteronomy 32:5)

[Question] What is wrong with the human family, and where does this defect spring from?

4· He is feeding on ashes. His own heart that has been trifled with has led him astray. And he does not deliver his soul, nor does he say; Is there not a falsehood in my right hand? (Isaiah 44:20)

[Question] What are people who worship through idols feeding upon?

5· Because everything in the world, the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the showy display of one's means of life, does not originate with the Father, but originates with the world. (1 John 2:16)

[Question] What things of the world do not originate with Yehowah God?

- 6· **And the man went on to say; The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate. (Genesis 3:12)**

[Question] How did Adam try to push aside his responsibility for his sinning?

- 7· **If you turn to doing good, will there not be an exaltation? But if you do not turn to doing good, there is sin crouching at the entrance, and for you is its craving, and will you, for your part, get the mastery over it? (Genesis 4:7)**

[Question] What course was Cain told would produce a blessing, yet what did he do, and why?

- 8· **Then the sons of the true God began to notice the daughters of men, that they were good-looking, and they went taking wives for themselves, namely, all whom they chose. (Genesis 6:2)**

[Question] What wrong desire of the fallen angels led them to sin against God?

- 9· **Then she grabbed hold of him by his garment, saying; Lie down with me! But he left his garment in her hand and took to flight and went on outside. (Genesis 39:12)**

[Question] What correct response to sinning did faithful Joseph take to avoid it?

- 10· **After that Balaam got up in the morning and saddled his she-ass and went with the princes of Moab. (Numbers 22:21)**

[Question] What did Balaam do directly against Yehowah's counsel because he loved the reward for wrongdoing?

- 11· **Then David sent and inquired about the woman and someone said; Is this not Bath-sheba the daughter of Eliam the wife of Uriah the Hittite? (2 Samuel 11:3)**

[Question] Whom did King David get involved with, and what prompted his wrong desire toward her?

- 12· **So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying; Do give me your vineyard, that it may serve as a garden of vegetables to me, for it is close by my house, and let me give you in place of it a vineyard better than it. Or if it is good in your eyes, I will give you money as the price of this. (1 Kings 21:2)**

[Question] What prompted Ahab to desire the vineyard of Naboth, and what did he do to obtain it?

- 13· **See! This only I have found, that the true God made mankind upright, but they themselves have sought out many plans. (Ecclesiastes 7:29)**

[Question] How did Yehowah God make mankind originally, and who is responsible for their fall into sin?

- 14· **I have spread out my hands all day long to a stubborn people, those who are walking in the way that is not good, after their thoughts. (Isaiah 65:2)**

[Question] How did Yehowah God testify about his own people, and how they responded to his counsel through his prophets?

- 15· **The heart is more treacherous than anything else and is desperate. Who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9)**

[Question] What is more desperate than anything else within mankind?

- 16· **Carefully watching that no one may be deprived of the undeserved kindness of God, that no poisonous root may spring up and cause trouble and that many may not be defiled by it. (Hebrews 12:15)**

[Question] What should anointed Christians be watchful to avoid doing?