***James, Peter, John, Jude - In Times Like These***

**Lesson 2**

**Loving God Under Trials**

Read James 1:12-27

Memory Work: James 1:19-20

1. a. Why would James say, “Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God?” James 1:13

b. Why do you think a person would blame God for sending temptations?

c. What was God doing when He led Israel into the wilderness?

Exodus 20:20 Deuteronomy 8:2, 16

Hebrews 2:10, 18 & 4:15-16 James 1:2-4

Job 1:6 – 2:10 & 42:1-6

1. a. Why would it be impossible for God to tempt you to do evil? 1 John 1:5 & 4:8-10

b. What is the real source of temptation to sin? James 1:14

c. What is the ultimate result of submitting to temptation? James 1:15

d. What kind of death? Proverbs 10:27 & 11:19, Romans 8:13

e. But if you endure, you receive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . James 1:12

3. a. Why would James have to add, “Do not be deceived?” Verse 16.

b. Where does every good gift come from?

c. Why is the expression “Father of lights” used?

d. Enlarge on this using the following verses:

Genesis 1:14-19 John 9:5

II Corinthians 4:6 I John 1:5

4. a. From James 1:19-27, make a list:

To Do Not To Do

b. Why should we be swift to listen? James 1:19

c. What keeps us from doing this?

Define “Slow to Speak”.

Define “Slow to Anger”.

5. What is wrong with human anger? Verse 20.

6. a. How are we to receive the Word of God? Verse 21.

b. What does the word “meekness” mean here?

c. What is the Word able to do?

7. a. How is the Word of God a mirror?

b. Why is looking into the mirror of God’s Word not enough?

c. If you are a doer of His Word and not a hearer only, what will you receive? James 1:25

8. a. From verse 26, how easy is it to bridle your tongue?

b. Why is this mandatory?

9. a. What is pure and undefiled religion before God?

b. Why orphans and widows?

c. Practically, what does it mean to keep oneself “unspotted from the world?”