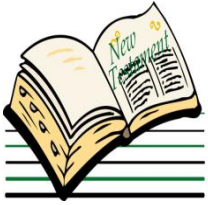


Sermon Notes

Title: "Trials and Life"

Text: James 1:12-18



Introduction

Trials in Light of Eternity (1:12)

1. The one who remains steady under trials will enjoys God's favor (v. 12a)
2. The one who is proven genuine by his trails will reign (v. 12b)
3. The one who loves God through his trials will receive an eternal reward (v. 12c)

The pathway of death (1:13-15)

1. God is not to blame for our sins
 - a. God is not evil (v. 13)
 - i. He cannot be tempted (v. 13a)
 - ii. He does not tempt (v. 13b)
2. We are responsible for our sins (vv. 14-15)
 - a. Evil desires come from within (v. 14)
 - b. Evil desires indulged in lead to sin (v. 15a)
 - c. Sin leads to death (v. 15b)

The source of life (1:16-18)

1. Warning against deception (v. 16)
2. God is the source of good things (v. 17)
3. God's plan for us is life-giving (v. 18)

Applications