

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### The Book of James – Part 3

#### Enduring Temptation

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our study of the Book of James. Our topic today: Enduring Temptation.

Scripture Theme Song: “Bless the LORD” – Psalm 103:1-4

- 1) The root of temptation
  - a) James 1:13-14
    - i) Not from God
    - ii) Sinful nature entices us
  - b) Satan seeks to exploit our weakness and sinful propensities - Matthew 4:1-10
  - c) Is it a sin to be tempted?
- 2) From temptation to sin
  - a) James 1:15
  - b) Psalm 1:1
  - c) When subtle deception does Satan use to lure us into sinful behavior? Matthew 5:27-28
  - d) Genesis 3:1-6 – how does Satan lure Eve?
  - e) Proverbs 7:6-23 – what mistake does the young man make?
- 3) Experiencing victory over temptation
  - a) Matthew 4:11 – victory is possible
  - b) Genesis 39:1-12 – lessons learned?
  - c) Psalm 119:11; Eph 6:17 – lesson learned?
  - d) James 1:17
    - i) How many of you have heard that Bible text before?
    - ii) Did you ever realize that it was spoken in the context of victory over temptation?
    - iii) What can we learn from James about victory over temptation?
  - e) James 1:18 – How does it make you feel to know that God is on your side in this battle with sinful desires?
- 4) Thinking (and praying) before you speak
  - a) James 1:19-20
  - b) Have you heard the expression “Look before you leap”? Well, here is a word of wisdom from James: “Listen before you speak.”
    - i) Quick to listen to whom?
    - ii) What is the context here: listening to each other or listening to God?
  - c) Slow to become angry
    - i) Have you ever been angry with God?
    - ii) What were you angry about?
    - iii) What is the healthiest way to deal with that anger? Ephesians 4:26, 29; Psalm 37:8
- 5) Receiving the gift of salvation
  - a) James 1:21 - What is necessary in order to receive the implanted word, which is able to save your soul?
  - b) Ephesians 4:17-24 – Paul’s counsel
  - c) What important lessons can we learn from these Scripture passages?
    - i) Salvation is God’s work
    - ii) We have a choice to make.