"The Solution to Sin's Seduction"



Evidences of True Faith • part 6 James 1:14-16

INTRODUCTION

• when fishermen lie...

1. David's example

• the King's encounter with a soldier's bride

2 Sam. 11:1-5

Job 4:8; Rom. 2:9

• dissecting this temptation

Stage 1:

Stage 2: Mt. 5:27-28

Stage 3:

Stage 4:

2 Sam. 12:9-10

2. God's explanation

• "strong desire"

Lk. 22:15; Phil. 1:23; 1 Thess. 2:17

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• the battle within a genuine believer

Rom. 7:21-23; Gal. 5:17, 24

Eph. 2:3; Tit. 3:3; 1 Jn. 2:16

3. The sinner's extrication

• the stages of temptation reviewed

"In our members there is a slumbering inclination toward desire which is both sudden and fierce. With irresistible power, desire seizes mastery over the flesh. All at once a secret, smoldering fire is kindled. The flesh burns and is in flames...At this moment God is quite unreal to us...and only desire for the creature is real....Satan does not here fill us with hatred of God, but with forgetfulness of God....The lust thus aroused envelops the mind and will of man in deepest darkness. The powers of clear discrimination and of decision are taken from us." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

• when and where we might bite...

CONCLUSION

- solution for "Stage 1": 1 Cor. 6:18; 10:14; 2 Tim. 2:22
- solution for "Stage 2, 3, 4": Mk. 1:15; Acts 3:19; 17:30; Rev. 2:5; 3:19