

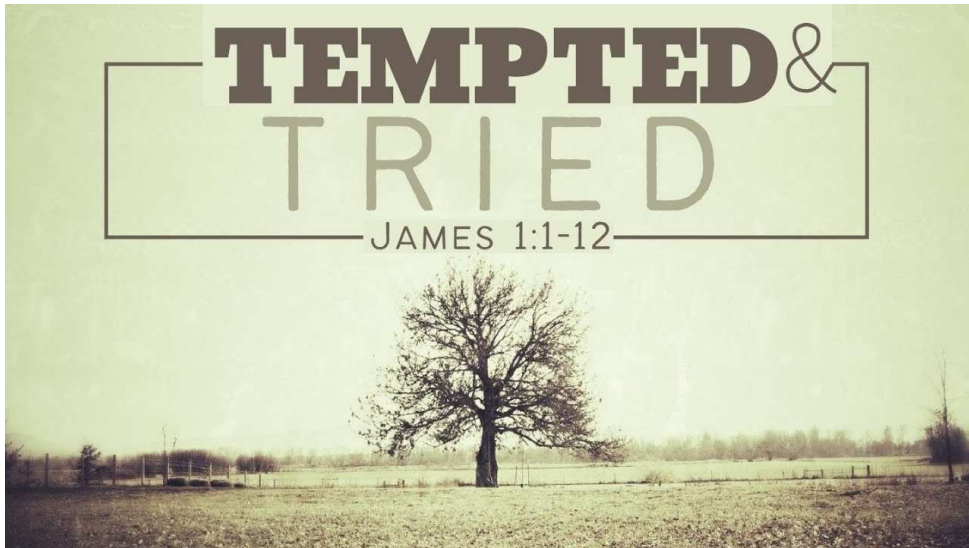
man, with the desire that he should stand."

Maclaren continued, "Temptation says, 'Do this pleasant thing; do not be hindered by the fact that it is wrong.' Trial or proving says, 'Do this right and noble thing; do not be hindered by the fact that it is painful.'"

God uses trials to make us "perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (Jas. 1:4). And He has promised a "crown of life" (v.12) to those who endure. So when we're going through a trial or when temptations come, let's remember what God is accomplishing in us. It will help us to avoid the lure and trap of yielding to temptation. --DJD

*When you are tested from without
Or tempted from within,
Rely upon the Lord for strength
To help you turn from sin. --Sper*

Satan tempts us to bring out the worst in us; God tests us to bring out the best.



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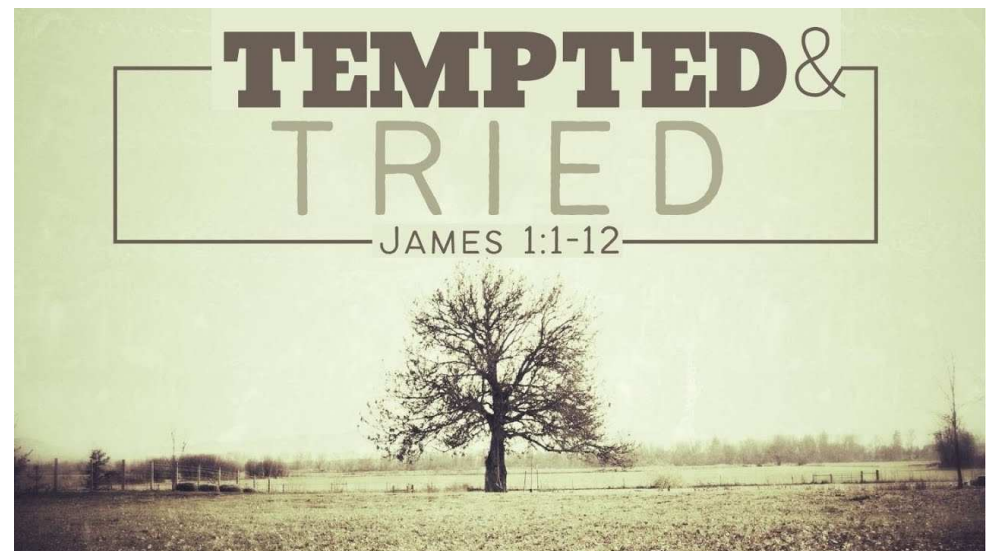
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Two Sides Of The Coin

Count it all joy when you fall into various trials. --James 1:2

Temptations and trials are two sides of the same coin, for a single Greek word conveys both ideas. In James 1:2 we are told to rejoice when we fall into various "trials." But verse 13 says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone."

In a sermon titled "Faith Tested and Crowned," Alexander Maclaren distinguished between being tempted and being tried. He said that "tempted conveys the idea of appealing to the worst part of man, with the wish that he may yield and do the wrong. Tried means an appeal to the better part of



Trials To Triumphs

Notes

Luke 6:14-16 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip

and Bartholomew; **15** Matthew and Thomas; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; **16** Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

Mark 6:3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

John 7:5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

Acts 1:13-14 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. **14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Galatians 1:19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Galatians 2:9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Acts 12:1-3 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church. **2** Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. **3** And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was *during* the Days of Unleavened Bread.

1Peter 5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.