

**January 31, 2016 SERMON NOTES**  
**God Never Tempts Us**  
*James 1:13-18*

**I. Three things James teaches us about God and temptations.**

**A. Temptation is not of God.**

*<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2) are aimed at a given end: to make us stronger in our faith.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is the solicitation to sin, the inner desire to do that which is contrary to the Law of God.
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ tempts anyone to sin.

**B. Temptation is of man, of his own lust and desires.**

*<sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.*

1. Temptations appear to something \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Temptations if left to grow results \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Temptation is not of the nature of God.**

*<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. <sup>17</sup> Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup> In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.*

1. God is the giver of all things \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's will for us is to know \_\_\_\_\_.