

S7E41

How To Look For The Hook – James 1:13-15

Description – Continuing from last week we're discussing temptation, enticement, desire leading to sin and death, from James 1.

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¹³ No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God," since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn't tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. ¹⁵ Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

How sin works, how we are tempted by sin:

1. We are drawn away by our own evil desires

The word "entice" here is a fishing term, talking about how a fisherman will bait a hook to catch a particular type of fish.

To be a successful fisherman you have to know where to fish, (where the fish are) and you have to hide the hook.

Satan tailor makes temptations just for you, just for me. Some temptations have no effect on you, or are not a lure for you.

He also hides the hook. He doesn't want you to think about the consequences of your sin and your actions and the aftermath of them after the fact.

2. Sin leads to disobedience and death

James says here that after you've fallen for the bait and that desire conceives, it gives birth to sin.

Sin brings a death-like existence into our lives. It separates us from the power and intimacy with God.

If you look for the hook early, you can avoid the temptation and not have to deal with the fallout.

When Jesus says, "lead us not into temptation..." what he's saying is, "lead us not to succumb to temptation but deliver us from evil or the evil one..."

Be encouraged, keep getting into the word, keep pressing in for more of God.

