

## Sermon Notes – June 26, 2022

### Temptation (*James 1:13-16*)

- I. God is Holy. (*Vs. 13,16*) (*Leviticus 19:2; Habakkuk 1:13; Isaiah 6:3; I Peter 1:16*)
  - A. God is untemptable.
    1. There is no evil in His character: God is Light.
    2. There is no desire for evil in His nature: God is Love. (*I Corinthians 13:6a*)
    3. There is no leading to evil in His purposes: God tests us in allowing trials. (*James 1:2-12*) (*Romans 8:28*)
  - B. Christ is our example.
    1. Jesus was led by the Spirit to be tested. (peirazo) (*Matthew 4:1*) (*Mark 1:12*)
    2. Jesus passed His test by not yielding to temptation. (peirazo) (*Hebrews 4:15*)
  
- II. Christians are at War. (*Vss. 14-15*)
  - A. The battle is with the flesh.
    1. In my flesh there is no good thing. (*Romans 7:18*) (*Matthew 26:41*)
    2. My flesh sets itself against the Spirit. (*Galatians 5*)
  - B. The battle is with the process of sin.
    1. Desire conceives its offspring, which is sin.
      - a. The heart is deceitful. (*Jeremiah 17:9*)
      - b. The heart is the source of evil. (*Matthew 15:18-20*)
    2. The lust of the flesh lures into a trap. (*Genesis 3*) (*I John 2:16*)
    3. The lust of the flesh entices with bait.
    4. The completion of sin leads to death.
      - a. Physical death for the Christian. (*I Corinthians 11:30*) (*I John 5:16*)
      - b. Spiritual death for the unbeliever. (*Romans 6:23*)