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The True Believer and Sin James 1:13-21

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- A. The source of evil is not God. (13)
 - Because God cannot be tempted with evil
 - Because God does not tempt (solicit to evil) any man
- B. The source of evil is man's own lust (14)

II. Evil has a clearly dangerous process. (14-15)

- A. Man is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. (14)
- B. Man's conceived lust brings forth sin. (15)
- C. Finished sin brings forth death. (15)

III. Evil is clearly defeated by trusting in God's goodness (16-21)

- A. Through God's good and perfect gifts (17a)
- B. Through God's unchanging character (17b)
- C. Through God's eternal purpose (vs 18)
- D. Through godliness lived out by obedient believers (19-21)
 - 1. By avoiding Satan's deceit (16)
 - 2. By swift hearing (19)
 - 3. By slow speaking (19)
 - 4. By slow wrath (19-20)
 - 5. By laying aside wickedness (21)
 - 6. By humbly receiving God's Word (21)

Application:

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