

**12** Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

**13** When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **14** but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **15** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

**16** Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. **17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **18** He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

V. 12 perseveres...under trials...crown of life

- Perseveres
  - Return to the theme in vv.2-3
  - Another element
    - “Stood the test”
  - Receive “Crown of Life” (also. Rev 2:10)
    - Same phrase

Vv. 13-15

- Tempting and Trials
  - Tempted...tempting...tempted...tempt...tempted...
    - God brings trials but does not desire that we fall to temptation
  - The root of falling to temptation (14)
    - Your own desires
- Conceived
  - Birth to sin and death (15)

Vv. 16-18

- Don’t be deceived...every good and perfect (16-17)
  - Spiritual birth (John 3:3-8)
  - The origin is different
  - Through the “Word of truth” the Gospel (18)

James Series (Starts Dec 28)	Bible Studies	Events
<p>James (The Art of Christian Living)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sun (Dec 28): Testing and Joy (1:1-11)</li> <li>- <b>Sun (Jan 4): Temptation Works vs. Gospel Works (1:12-18)</b></li> <li>- Sun (Jan 11): Talking Gospel &amp; Listening to God (1:19-27)</li> <li>- Sun (Jan 18): Playing Church &amp; Favorites (2:1-13)</li> <li>- Sun (Jan 25): Visiting Church Pant Ethnos</li> <li>- Sun (Feb 1): Faith Works (2:14-26)</li> <li>- Sun (Feb 8): The Spiritual Discipline of Watching Your Mouth (3:1-18)</li> <li>- Sun (Feb 15): The Spiritual Discipline of fighting well (4:1-12)</li> </ul> <p><b>Lent Begins Wed. Feb 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sun (Feb 22): The Spiritual Discipline of not loving wealth (4:13-5:6)</li> <li>- Sun (Mar 1): The Spiritual Discipline of Suffering well (5:7-12)</li> <li>- Sun (Mar 8): Fearless Healing Prayer (5:13-20)</li> <li>- Stations of the Cross Sermon series Begins (Mar 15, 22, 29 &amp; Apr 5)</li> </ul>	<p>Wed. Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan. 7, 14, 21 &amp; 28 @ 7pm</li> <li>- Study Resources on Website</li> </ul> <p>Alpha Bible Study (In-person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan 10, 17 &amp; 24</li> <li>- Saturdays 5-7:00 pm</li> <li>- At Soden home</li> </ul> <p>Sun (Jan. 18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Member Class/Church Covenant Class (all welcome)</li> <li>- After Church</li> <li>- With Rev. Chestnut &amp; Rev. Dennis</li> </ul> <p>Stay up on Studies and Resources  <a href="https://www.redemption-church.net/">https://www.redemption-church.net/</a></p>	<p>Sun (Jan. 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Congregational Meeting (After Church)</li> </ul> <p>Sat (Jan 17 Men's Breakfast)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TBA</li> </ul> <p>Sunday (Jan. 25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fellowship Sunday</li> <li>- Visiting a Church Plant</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.ethnoshouston.org/">https://www.ethnoshouston.org/</a></p> <p><b>Sundays - 10:15 am</b>  Ashford Elementary School  1815 Shannon Valley Dr.  Houston, TX 77077</p>

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