

#### LISTENING GUIDE Rev. Deane Harrison July 7, 2024

## Blame or Believe?

James 1:13-18

As we continue our study of the Book of James in a sermon series called *Faith Under Pressure*, our passage brings to the surface an issue that is common to all of humanity. It's the issue of temptation. Let's examine these verses, then, to better understand temptation and to determine whether we *blame or believe* when we face it.

Notice...

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ About Temptation (v.13)

- Do *not* believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_ tempts us!
- See Genesis 3:12

#### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Temptation (v.14)

- Our own \_\_\_\_\_\_ flesh
- See also *Matthew 4:1-11* and *Acts 5:3*

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Temptation (vv.14-15)

• Two metaphors used: One of *fishing* (v.14) and one of *childbirth* (v.15)

• Temptation leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_, which produces \_\_\_\_\_!

# IV. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ Against Temptation (vv.16-18)

- A three-part battle plan:
  - 1. Look \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Look \_\_\_\_\_\_ • See *Romans 13:13-14*
  - 3. Look \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.16-18) • See 1 Corinthians 10:13