

Father of Lights

“Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.” James 1:13-17

- I. A Believer should Trust God through _____ and _____
 - a. Temptations and trials are common to believers.
 - i. The temptation to sin comes not from God but from our own ‘lust pool’ within.
 - b. God is the _____ of every good and perfect gift
 - i. In Him there is no variation or shifting shadow
- II. The Father of Lights
 - a. The Light of His _____
 - i. This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5-7
 - b. The Light of the _____
 - i. Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." John 8:12
 - c. The Light of _____
 - i. “O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your dwelling places.” Psalm 43:3

- ii. "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32

d. The Light of _____

- i. "For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

e. The Light of _____

- i. "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:4-5
- ii. To Live means Change

1. Life without change is death

III. The Father of Lights Overpowers the Darkness:

- a. of _____
- b. of _____
- c. of _____
- d. of _____

IV. A Believer should Trust God through trials and temptations.

"In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures."

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39