

## Why Do We Sin?

1 John 3:4; James 4:17; 1 John 5:17

## What Does NOT Cause Us To Sin

- ▶ God does not cause us to sin. James 1:13
- ▶ Temptation is not the cause of sin.
  - Jesus Christ was tempted. Hebrews 4:15

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- ▶ Satan tempts us.
  - *"Desired to have"* Peter that he might *"sift"* him as wheat. Luke 22:31
  - Appears as *"an angel of light"* 2 Corinthians 11:14
  - A *"roaring lion"* seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8
  - He takes every *"advantage"* 2 Corinthians 2:11
- ▶ Satan cannot tempt us beyond our ability to resist.
  - If we *"resist the devil, he will flee"* from us. James 4:7; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:18; 10:14; 2 Timothy 2:22

## Satan Is Not Wholly Responsible

- ▶ **Our temptations are common ... an escape is always possible. 1 Corinthians 10:13**
  - Must meet him with the word of God, as Christ did. Matthew 4
  - Satan may hinder, but a crown awaits the faithful. Revelation 2:10; cf. Galatians 5:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:18

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- ▶ **We are responsible for our own sins. Ezekiel 18:20; cf. Romans 6:16ff**
  - We are responsible for our false love. John 3:19–20; John 12:42–43; cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:10
- ▶ God leads away from sin (cf. Matthew 6:13); Satan can only go so far in temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- ▶ Who is to blame for our response? cf. James 1:14–15

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- ▶ *deleazoo*; Enticed

1. properly, to bait, catch by a bait:  
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- ▶ **Who is to blame for our response?**  
cf. James 1:14-15
- ▶ David and Bathsheba. 2 Samuel 11-12
- ▶ Solomon. 1 Kings 11
- ▶ Peter. Luke 22:31, 54-62; Galatians 2:11
- ▶ Gentiles. Romans 1

## Conclusion

- ▶ Human laws reckon man accountable for his transgressions, and mete out consequences. Romans 13:4; Luke 23:39-43; Acts 25:11
- ▶ Nature inflicts suffering on those who violate the laws of nature.
- ▶ God holds man responsible for his sins, else punishment for sin is unjust. God's righteousness demands it.  
cf. Romans 3:23-26