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Series: James 1:13-18

## **BLAME IS LAME**

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Exodus 32:22 (NIV) "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. <sup>23</sup> They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Trials → <u>Perseveranc</u>e → Maturity

James 1:13 (NIV) When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone

<sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their <u>own</u> evil desire and <u>enticed</u>.

<sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Romans 6:23 (NIV) The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

<sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

"What you feed grows, what you starve dies." - Craig Groeschel