

From the Pastor:

James 1:12 reads “Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

The Greek word translated as “temptation” is “peirasmos.” Like many words it has more than one meaning. The first meaning given by Danker’s Lexicon is “an attempt to learn the nature or character of something, a test, a trial.” The second meaning given in Danker’s is “an attempt to make one do something wrong, a temptation or enticement to sin.”

In James 1:12 “peirasmos” can have either meaning. We all can experience trials or tests. Some of those trials or tests can be temptations to sin. However, a trial or test does not always result from a direct temptation to sin. But, we can respond by sin to either type of trial.

A vehicle breaking down at an inopportune time can be a test or a trial. But, of and by itself, such a situation is not a direct temptation to sin though we may respond badly (wrong attitude) and sin as a result.

We will cover verse 14 next time. But, that verse shows that there are temptations that result from being drawn away (enticed) by our own lusts. That lust if yielded to produces sin.

God allows all types of trials, tests and temptations. From those situations He learns about us. As Danker’s first definition states God seeks to “learn the nature or character” we possess through the trials and tests we face.

Please remember: The heart is the seat of conviction, commitment and motivation. Through trials, tests and temptations God learns (by how we respond to those situations) about our commitment to pursuing His righteousness.

In Deuteronomy 32:31 we read about God’s test of Hezekiah. “However, regarding the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, God withdrew from him, in order to test him that He might know all that was in his heart.”

David wrote in Psalm 17:3 “You have tested my heart; You have visited me and have found nothing [evil]; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.”

James wrote, “Blessed is the man who endures temptations; for when he has been proved [tested, tried], he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

If we remember Romans 8:28 and never stop loving God, we will pass every test.

On a personal note this will be my last personal until after the Feast of Tabernacles. We will be leaving right after Trumpets for the Feast in Rapid City. There is a lot to do before we leave.

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



September 1, 2018

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mark Monsivais

Sermon: HQ DVD

Harlingen

Bible Study: Arnold Mendez

“O Lord, correct me, but with justice; not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.”

Jeremiah 10:24

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Sunset Today in:	7:51pm	7:51pm	7:51pm
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Sunset Friday 9-7	7:44pm	7:44pm	7:45pm
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Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 9/1	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 9/8	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi. Harlingen will have a HQ DVD sermon.
Feast of Trumpets 9/10	Corpus Christi and Harlingen combined – 1:00 p.m. There will be a covered dish social on Trumpets. Corpus Christi will provide the food and Harlingen will provide the dessert— Mr. Mendez San Antonio – 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Morning 10:30 a.m. – Mr. Chapman Afternoon 2:30 p.m. – Mr. Moody Victoria – 10:00 a.m. – Mr. Moody

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

GOD'S FEASTS:

Day of Atonement – September 19

Victoria – 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi – 3:00 p.m.

Harlingen – 10:00 AM

Feast of Tabernacles and the 8th day – September 24 – October 1

Please note there will not be services on the Sabbath before the Feast, Sept. 22nd, in Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria.

DALLAS GOLF SCRAMBLE – OCTOBER 14

The Dallas congregation is hosting an 18-hole golf scramble Sunday, October 14th, 2018 with an 8 am “shotgun start” at The Traditions Course at Watters Creek (7201 Chase Oaks Blvd, Plano, TX 75025). The cost is \$70.00 per golfer which includes green fee, cart, range balls, prizes, as well as a Burger Buffet immediately following your round. If you’d like to play but not enjoy lunch, the price drops to \$57.00 per person. Golfers of all skill sets are invited and encouraged to join us for what will surely be a fun filled, mildly stressful, exciting day! You can form your own foursome or request to be placed on a team. If interested, please let Aaron Greider (aarongreider@yahoo.com / 561-707-2592) know as soon as possible, as we must reach a minimum number to make the event happen.

DALLAS FAMILY CAMPOUT – October 26-28

HOUSTON NORTH FAMILY CAMPOUT – November 2-4.