



## Introduction

*Advice on living.*



## Questions

1. What are the effects of tests to our faith?
2. How are we tempted and what does it lead to?
3. How can we avoid deluding ourselves?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 8** Problems in life (see theme) can shape our characters. God will help us to become wise if we ask in faith
- **v 9 to 15** We will all fade away like grass, but will receive a crown of life if we are approved. Bad thoughts and actions lead to sin (see theme) and death. They come from within ourselves and we cannot blame God
- **v 16 to 27** The word of God will help us to live good lives. It will save us if we try to do what it says

**Timeline** 60 AD (see below)



## Themes

### God tests our faith in him

*A selection of verses showing how this theme runs consistently through the Bible.*

God tells Moses that he is testing the early Israelites when they encounter problems. He wants to see if they will continue to obey him:

*Deuteronomy 8 verses 2 - 3*

God is testing king Hezekiah when princes from Babylon come to him:

*2 Chronicles 32 verse 31*

James tells us to appreciate that trials can be good for us:

*James 1 verses 2 - 4*

The apostle Peter encourages us to continue faithful despite difficult times to come:

*1 Peter 1 verses 6 - 7*

He also warns us to expect trials in our lives:

*1 Peter 4 verse 12*

**Sin - a serious matter**

*The word sin means to miss the mark. We sin when we don't achieve what God would like us to do. A selection of verses showing the serious results of sin.*

The apostle James tells us that we sin as a result of our own natural desires. He also points out the consequences:

*James 1 verses 14 -and 15*

The apostle Paul tells his fellow Jews that they are no better than non-Jews because we are all sinners:

*Romans 3 verses 9 and 10*

He also spells out the serious consequences of sin:

*Romans 5 verse 12*

The book of Genesis tells us what God says when he passes sentence on the man through whom sin enters the world. The results are with us still:

*Genesis 3 verses 17 to 19*

The apostle John tells us that we are deceiving ourselves if we deny that we are sinners:

*1 John 1 verse 8*

**? Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 14 and 15, Q 3: v 22



# Bible timeline

