



Don't Be Deceived about God

6th in the "James" Series

James 1:16-18

June 4, 2023

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Introduction

In this passage, God teaches us about his goodness to help us not base our view of him on our circumstances.

1) Christians must learn the truth about God and live according to that truth.

2) God, who is supremely generous and eternally unchanging, is the source of all good things (v. 17).

3) The clearest example of God's generous and unchanging gifts is our new life in Christ (v. 18).

Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) Why is it common for people, even Christians, to blame God for their problems or when things go bad in their life?

- 2) How does v. 17 teach us not only about the character of God but also about how every single thing in the world is a gift from God? How might this truth change how we look at everything we have and see?

- 3) How is our salvation the clearest example of God's supreme generosity toward us, and what, if anything, does v. 18 suggest about how one receives God's salvation?

- 4) If we know that God does not give us evil but only good things, how can we relate our moments of suffering trials to God in a way that avoids the concern of James?

- 5) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Psalm 103:8 (Mon); Psalm 25:8-10 (Tue); Psalm 34:8 (Wed); Psalm 107:1 (Thurs); Psalm 145:17 (Fri).