

# The Root Of Sin

Rom. 7:15-23; 1 Pet. 2:11.  
Jas. 1:13-15.

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James 1:13-14.

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1 Cor. 9:26-27; Rom. 12:13.

II. Lust Conceives.  
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IV. Sin's Results.  
James 1:15.

Lust Of The Flesh. 1 John 2:16; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 2:3. (Carnal Desires)

Lust Of The Eyes. 1 John 2:16. (Desires Caused By Sight)

Vain Glory Of Life. 1 John 2:16. (Vanity, Pride, Worldly honor.)

Good for Food - Gen. 3:6.  
Stones Bread - Mt. 4:3.

Delight to Eyes - Gen. 3:6.  
Give Kingdoms - Mt. 4:8.

To make Wise - Gen. 3:6.  
Pinnacle - vain glory - Mt. 4:5-6.

## **THE ROOT OF SIN**

Rom. 13:14

INTRO: We see so many things around us today that are sinful, things that are against God's teaching. What is the root of all the sin and crime that plagues the world today? The root of all of our trouble is lust. There is a fight within every Christian. We are faced with sin. We have desires to give into our lusts. We are told of this fight in Rom. 7:15-23; 1 Pet. 2:11; 1 Cor. 9:26-27; Rom. 8:12-13; Gal. 5:17. We can see sin on every hand, but many times we fail to realize how it starts. If we can kill sin before it becomes a real thing, we can save a great deal of misery. James tells us just how to do it. Note James 1:13-15.

### **I. TEMPTED BY LUST.**

Read James 1:13-14. God does not tempt us. We are tempted by our own lust. Lust draws us away from the right way.

### **II. LUST CONCEIVES**

James 1:15. When lust, desire, is taken hold of, lust conceives. It is like the seed of woman grabbing hold of the seed of man in conception in physical birth. Our desire or lust for the things of the flesh causes us to grab hold of the forbidden, and sin is born. Example: We bait and set a trap for a mouse. He may or may not know it is a trap, but he wants the cheese so much that he makes up his mind he is going to get it regardless. Satan has set a trap to get us to sin. Our desire for the bait, our lust for the bait, brings temptation to get it. Lust or desire conceives when we make up our mind we are going to get it regardless; the lust grabs hold of us.

### **III. SIN'S BIRTH.**

James 1:15. When we take hold of the forbidden, sin is born and we have transgressed God's Law.

### **IV. SIN'S RESULTS.**

James 1:15. The ultimate end of sin is death. Death is a separation. We take hold of the forbidden and we separate ourselves from God by sin. Isa. 59:1-2. Lust is the root of sin that separates us from God. All sin can be traced from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the vain glory of life. Note 1 John 2:15-17.

- A. Lust of the flesh. (Carnal Desires) Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 2:3. Jesus was tempted through the lust of the flesh. Eve was tempted through the lust of flesh. Gen. 3:6. "Good for Food." Jesus was also. His fleshly man hungered, wanted food. Matt. 4:3.
- B. Lust of the Eyes. (Desires Caused by Sight) To Eve: "Delight to the Eyes." Gen. 3:6. To Jesus: "Give all to thee" Matt. 4:8-9.
- C. Vain Glory of Life. (Vanity, Pride, Worldly Honor) To Eve: "To make one wise." Gen. 3:6. To Jesus: Pinnacle Temptation. Matt. 4:5-6.

CONCL: Brethren, we are continually faced with temptation in our lives. Satan provides many things to cause us to lust. We must learn God's will and prepare ourselves against the sins that bring death. Prepare—lest we give into lust, which is the root of sin.