

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for August 1-2 1998

"Who is to Blame?"

Dale Whitehead

James 1:13-18

James gives us five different proofs demonstrating that God is not involved in our desire to commit sin.

The nature of evil (James 1:13)

The nature of man (James 1:14)

The nature of lust (James 1:15-16)

The nature of God (James 1:17)

Every gift that we would consider beneficial and complete is from God and there is no other source for such gifts (James 1:17).

When biblical writers call God "good" they are thinking in general of all those moral qualities which prompt His people to call him "perfect" (Exodus 33:17-19; 34:5-7).

God is not going to hold back good and perfect gifts from those who desire to follow Him and please Him (Matthew 7:7-11; Psalm 1:1-3).

To question God's goodness is to open the door to Satan's temptations (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-5; 2 Samuel 12:11-12).

"Father of lights" speaks of God as creator. The lights refer to the sun, moon, and stars.