

# James 1:16-18

## God Only Gives Good Gifts

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ That God Only Gives Good Gifts: (16-17)

a. WARNING: 'do not be deceived my beloved brothers':

- i. God does not \_\_\_\_\_ His Children. –*Jam 1:13; 1 Cor 6:9; 15:33; Gal 6:7*
- ii. God only \_\_\_\_\_ good for His Children. –*Rom 8:28; Eph 1:11*

b. INSTRUCTION:

- i. 'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above':
  1. Every good thing you have is a \_\_\_\_\_ of grace. –*Lk 11:11-13*
  2. Every good thing you have comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ God. –*Jam 1:5*
- ii. 'Coming down from the father of lights':
  1. God is the good \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all things. –*Job 38:28*
  2. The sun, moon, and stars declare His \_\_\_\_\_. –*Gen 1:31*
- iii. 'With whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.'
  1. Unlike the stars, Gods goodness does not \_\_\_\_\_. –*Mal 3:6; 1 John 1:5*
  2. God is and does \_\_\_\_\_ all the time for His Children. –*Lk 11:11-13; 18:7*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ That God Only Gives Good Gifts: (18)

a. EXAMPLE: 'Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth':

- i. Regeneration \_\_\_\_\_ the goodness of God's gifts. –*Jam 1:15*
- ii. The new birth is \_\_\_\_\_ a result of God's good will. –*Jn 1:13; 3:7-8*
- iii. The new birth is \_\_\_\_\_ by the word of truth. –*Ezek 37:1ff*

b. PURPOSE: 'that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures':

- i. Firstfruits serve as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the coming harvest. –*Lev 23:9-11; Rom 16:5; 1 Cor 16:15*
- ii. The early Jewish church served as God's guarantee of the far greater gospel harvest throughout the \_\_\_\_\_. –*Col 1:6; Rom 11:16*
- iii. Believers serve as the pledge of God's intention to renew \_\_\_\_\_ of creation. –*Matt 19:28; Rom 8:19-22; Rev 21:1*

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