

# ***Who Caused You To Sin?***

***James 1:13-18***

# Examples of Excuses/ Rationalization

- *Adam after the fall* **Gen. 3:7-10**
- *Cain* **Gen. 4:6-8**

# Previous Three Studies In James

*God uses trials/ tests to . . .*

- 1. Prove the genuineness of our faith*
- 2. To improve our spiritual maturity*

# Our Study

*James 1:13-18 . . .*

***Warning About Making  
Excuses About Our  
Own Sin***

*. . . and blaming God*

# Opening Statement

**Do not say . . .**

**. . . I am being *tempted* by God**

**πειραζω = “to test, to  
examine”**

# 4 Reasons Why We Cannot Blame God

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- *God does not tempt us* **v. 13**

# God Does Test Us

- *Adam & Eve* - *Gen. 2-3*
- *Abraham* - *Gen. 22:1*
- *Israelites* - *Ex. 15:25*
- *All of Us* - *Matt. 6:13*  
*Ps. 11:5; 26:2*

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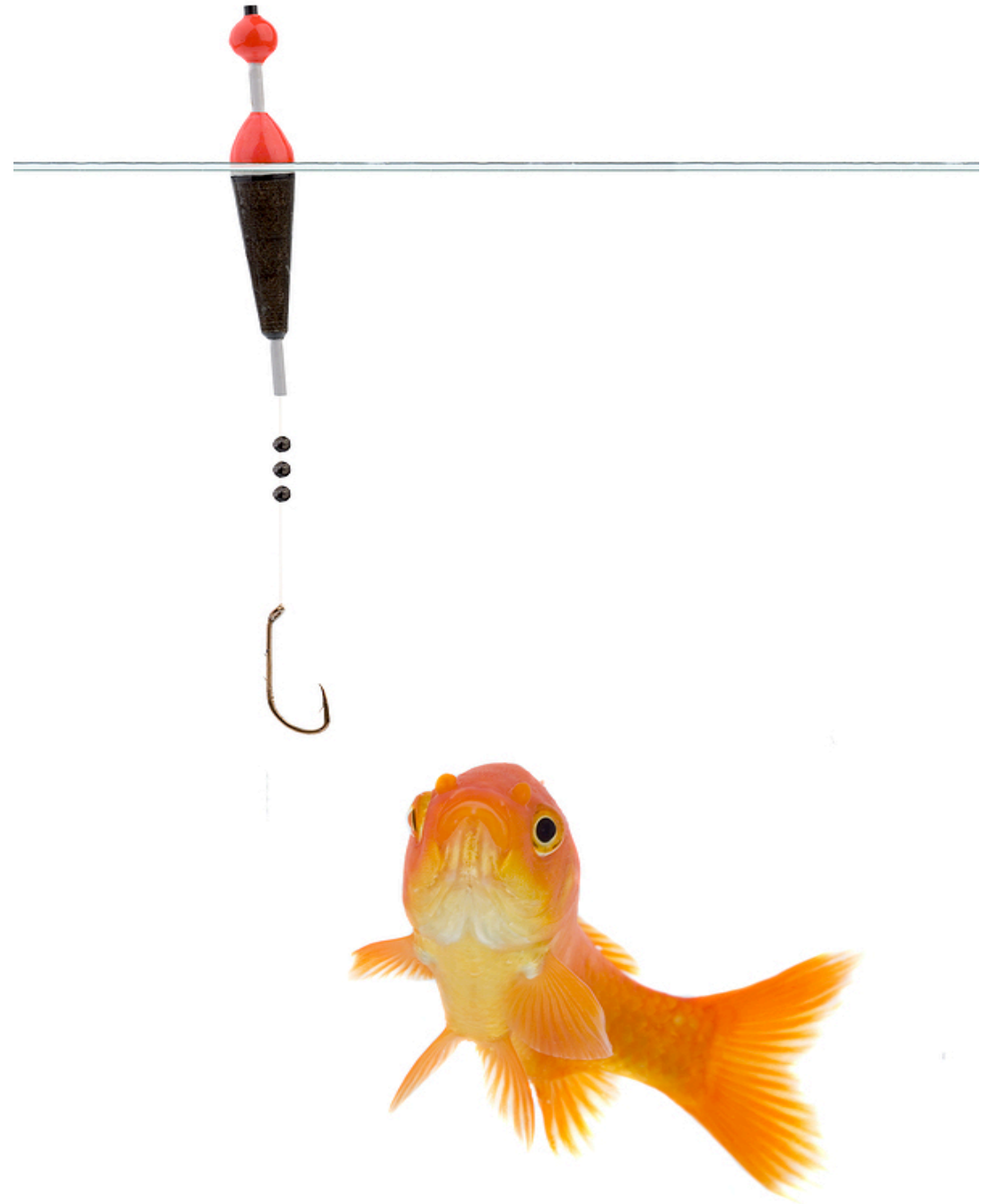
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**Picture of Fishing**

**Lured Like  
Fish By  
Our  
Passions**



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- *God is good and gives good gifts* v. 16-18



**Twinkling Star**





**No Variation of Shifting Shadow**

# Application

- 1. God brings the test into our lives***
- 2. But God is innocent***
- 3. We are completely responsible for our sin***
- 4. So . . .***

- Pray to not be led into tests***
- Ask for help from the Holy Spirit***
- Confess your sins***