

Why Do We Sin?

cf. 1 John 3:4; James 4:17; Romans 3:23

What Does Not Cause Us To Sin?

- God does not cause us to sin. James 1:13
- Temptation is not the cause of sin.
 - Jesus Christ was tempted. Hebrews 4:15

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What Does Not Cause Us To Sin?

- Satan Tempts Us.
 - *“Desired to have”* Peter that he might *“sift”* him as wheat. Luke 22:31
 - Appears as *“an angel of light”* 2 Corinthians 11:14
 - A *“roaring lion”* seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8
 - He takes every *“advantage”* 2 Corinthians 2:11

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What Does Not Cause Us To Sin?

- Satan Tempts, He Cannot Force A Response.
 - If we *“resist the devil, he will flee”* from us. James 4:7; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:18; 10:14; 2 Timothy 2:22
 - A way of escape is always possible. 1 Corinthians 10:13

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What Does Cause Us To Sin?

- We are responsible for our own sins. Ezekiel 18:20; cf. Romans 6:16ff
- God leads away from sin (cf. Matthew 6:13); Satan can only go so far in temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Who is to blame for our response? cf. James 1:14-15

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What Does Cause Us To Sin?

- Illustrations:
 - David and Bathsheba. 2 Samuel 11-12
 - Solomon. 1 Kings 11
 - Peter. Luke 22:31, 54-62; Galatians 2:11
 - Gentiles. Romans 1

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Conclusion

- Human laws reckon man accountable for his transgressions, and mete out consequences. Romans 13:4; Luke 23:39-43; Acts 25:11
- Nature inflicts suffering on those who violate the laws of nature. Acts 20:9
- God holds man responsible for his sins. Romans 11:22; 2 Corinthians 5:10

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