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Do Not be Deceived
The Nature of Man, God, & Regeneration

1. The nature of man — James 1:14-15, Jeremiah 17:9

2. The nature of God — James 1:16-17
    a. His goodness — Matthew 5:45

    b. His holy power — Isaiah 6:1-5

    c. His unchanging character — Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8

3. The nature of regeneration — James 1:18
    a. Who does it? — Romans 8:29

    b. What is it? — Ephesians 2:5

    c. How does it happen? — Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:17

    d. Why is it done?

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Do not be deceived about what?

- The nature of man responsibility of temptation and sin
- The nature of God!
    - God is good, and therefore all good things come from Him.
        - What does good mean?
            - It does NOT mean: all things that are pleasurable
            - Sin is never good.

Good = what is approved of by God, what is beneficial.

Worthy of approval, bringing benefit.

Father of lights
No variation and no shifting shadow. God's character will not change. The actions of God (His purposes and promises as well) always line up with His character

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What are "first fruits?" How do we represent these things?

holy pleasure in the happiness of His people."
A.W. Tozer