

Hardy - As flies to Weston boys are we to gods, they kill us for their sport.

Thinking abt trials -> life gets tough, what G doing

Doesn't care? & love enough stop it
Worse - causing it -> out hurt me.
Worse - sp. version of get in workplace

Can't sack, so not miserable, + hope he'll leave
G delib. pushing away, 's wants us give up + fail.

When life seems falling apart, WHAT IS G PLAYING AT

v.13a => we might say this.

None wd Gk, lot in Jsl, v. many meanings -> always same English

- trials = hardships of life
- test = chance prove genuine
- tempt = invitation do wrong thing.

So v.13... - when is time of trial

- & say G tempting me

① - wants trip me up me to fail

1. Road to Death

v.14-15. 3 stages

(i) Temptation

v.14 Doesn't quite mean what we mean

- we mean: presented w. choice

- he means: want it. critical decision in heart
"if I get the chance, I will".

Words used for fishing - dragged away - net
- enticed - took bait.

We think: decision in heart to sin ~ small thing.
(maybe bit fun / bit naughty).

fish - fav. food hungry. delicious -
monot bites - crapped, -> chip shop fryer.
Nemo.

Note: Although decision to sin serious, tempted ≠ sin

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G plants word, gospel, good news of J in us
-> it's going grow.

This time, not our desires, G's gift.

(ii) New Life

Desires gave birth -> sin.

What G word give birth to? US

"He chose to give us birth"

As receive good news of J, respond, allow do its work
-> brings about new birth

New beginning so radical, like born over again
- complete fresh start, slate wiped, past failing forg.
- hate stuff didn't hate before (E...3)
- love stuff didn't love before (E...3)

What does new vs grow into?

(iii) renewed creation

"that we might be" - Tomatoes - First one,
-> more on way.

⑤ - 2 wk time, > on eat!

Lifestyle feels fine - but it's bait.

Hook is road -> death. : Life is not fine!

But G has gift offer you.

-> new life is J

-> place on road -> renewed world.

All need do: Receive word (msg of J)
accept the J of the Scriptures
+ your life on v. diff story

APPLY -> Firms

What is G doing when trials?

Is he trying hurt you
make you feel flat on face
incite you walk away from him?

NO!

If you walk away from G, that's something you do.
- that's old approach life creeping back in.

Don't do it... ⑦ ...that's road -> death G resc. from

(ii) Sin

decision @ heart ~ pregnant w. something → give birth
→ actual sin, living. * to G's ways.

Given birth little baby "sin", what grow up into?

larvae → mosquito
Caterpillar → butterfly

(iii) Death

Like fish on hook — after caught on hook, what happens?
Biting it, 7 harmless fun, 7 choice didn't matter

Life rebelling against G's ways → death

- physical death
- after that, eternal death (death 7 end)

See in moment, every good thing in life from ^G

[X - from G, Y - from G]

∴ Eternity w/o G = eternity w/o anything good

2. Gift of Life

v. 16-17 Again, ∃ 3 stages

conception, birth
+ maturity

(i) Implanted Word

"thru the word of truth"
v. 21 — "planted in you"

④ like seed, implant, preg? 2 pic again

We know what G's plan is.

G is good 16-17.

Here is J's point: G is consistently good

- made stars, "F of h.c." ⇒ not blown off course

- unlike them, he 7 change ^{there is no shadow of}

umbrella keep sun off — keep moving it

∴ G is not like that!

The G whose plan is to bring you → new creation,
+ started that by giving you new life
isn't going to turn on you

Everything that happens is part of his plan
- wonderful plan - to bring you to new life
+ then into a wonderful eternity.

God is good. Not just good → all the time

God is good, all the time.

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So, ∃ vital distinction

- G does allow trials come our way
- G does use them test our faith + refine us
- G does NOT lead us → sin.

So what is G doing?

Set in context of story of your life
G's plan for your life

If ties, life story of 2 halves

- b4 + after

(7 quite simple — sometimes way life b4 creep back)

Life going in diff direction.

[If 7 ties, only have stage 1, w. offer to join stage 2]

We'll look @ 2 directions of life,
+ see where trials fit in.

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Giving ppl new life is J — just beginning.
Creation grooming.

When J returns, whole creation made new.

→ We will live in world totally unspoiled
perfect every way.

Recap

2 v. diff stories.

Decision go wrong in heart → gives birth actual sin
→ death ^{physical} _{eternal}

G picks us up off that road, gives something w/ful

- plants word in heart
- gives birth whole new us ^{new life} _{whole new start}
- when plan grows up, whole new world enjoy.

APPLY → 7 ties

Life may feel fine. James' diagram.

giving in to desire live for me = caught in trap
hooked on line
trapped in net

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