

Temptation in Depth

Where does temptation come from? (James 1:12-15)
Own Desires → Enticed → Lust → Sin → Death

Overcoming Temptation

A. Work on Desires

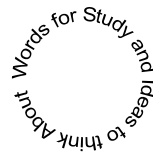
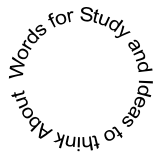
- Improve Christian Desires
- Put Mind on Heavenly Things
- Put God's Work and Kingdom First

B. Avoid Enticement

- Avoid places that may encourage you to sin
- Don't participate in activities that may lead you to sin
- Don't Plan on Sin - Romans 13:14

C. Value the Love of the Father

When tested, Remember that God sent his Son to die for you and that God loves you and desires that you do not sin. We do not like to hurt those whom we love and love us and when we sin we hurt God. Do not let anything come between you and your relationship to God. Nothing is as precious as your relationship with God through his Son.



A Study of Matthew

Matthew 4:1-11

Lesson 4

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 4:12-5:16

Memory Verse — Matthew 4:4

After Jesus baptism he was acknowledge by the Father and the Holy Spirit, and then led away into the wilderness. At this time Jesus was directly tempted by Satan. Many times in our lives it seems that we are most tested after great triumph. Satan sought very hard to lead our savior into sin. We know that Jesus was tempted in all ways like us yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15) John breaks temptation into three classes: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life(I John 2:16). As we look at the tempting of Jesus we will see that Satan tried all three.

Satan's first temptation to Jesus was for Christ to show that he was the Son of God by turning the stones into bread. Christ was just completing a 40 day fast when Satan began to tempt him. Christ reply to Satan was, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from God's mouth.'" The idea that man does not live by bread alone was also described to the Children of Israel by Moses in Deuteronomy 8. Christ was telling Satan that his trust was in God and that spiritual things are more important than physical things.

Satan's next temptation was to take Christ up to the summit of the temple and tempt him with the following words, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will catch you in their hands so that you will not strike you foot against a stone." Satan was testing Jesus in a number of different ways. Once again he makes a statement to "if" Christ is the Son of God, not recognizing him as the Son of the Father and requesting that he do some thing to prove himself. If Jesus was to have jumped and the Angels saved him he would also have been displaying to all those people his divinity. Christ's

words to Satan were the following, "You shall not make trial of the Lord your God". In this response Christ quotes from Deuteronomy 6:16. Christ was emphasizing that although God had promised his protection and care it would be wrong for him to tempt God to prove his divine care. This is something that we need to remember and make sure that we do not seek to tempt God.

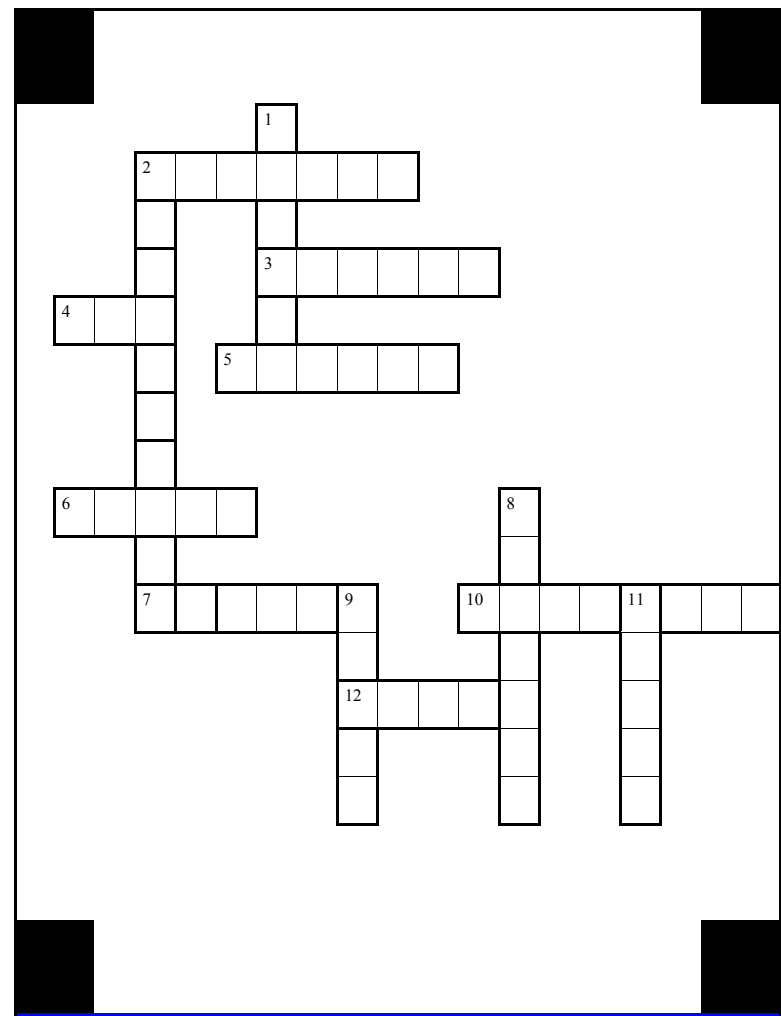
Last Satan tempts Christ by offering him all the kingdoms of the World. Satan this time does not refer to Christ's sonship and is trying to offer Christ a quick way to inherit all the worlds kingdoms. Christ answered, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve only him". Here Christ quotes from one of the Ten Commandments in that God demands worship and requires that there be no other gods before him, Exodus 34:14. Christ knew that the Father was supreme and was willing to submit to the will of the Father. Christ knew his purpose and the Father's will and was going to do it, even knowing that this would lead him to the cross.

We find in James that if we resist the devil he will flee from us and this is just what Satan did after tempting Christ. (James 4:7) We see that each time Christ was tempted he quoted scripture. If Christ relied on God's word to deliver him, how much more should we? We should seek to learn from God's word daily that we will be equipped to handle temptations. The Lord has promised a way of escape in every temptation, but we must seek it. (1 Corinthians 10:13) Let us feed daily on God's word and seek his will. Let us seek to make sure that our Christian armor is on each day and live for Christ.(Phil 6:11-18)

Fill in the Scriptures

1. (Exo 17:7 KJV) And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the _____ of the children of Israel, and because they _____ the LORD, saying, Is the _____ among us, or not?
2. (Psa 78:17-20 KJV) And they sinned yet more against him by _____ the most High in the wilderness. And they _____ God in their _____ by asking meat for their lust.

W Answer the Questions on Page
30 CROSS to fill in the Puzzle.
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Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

2. What Satan wanted Christ to do to him in his last temptation(Matthew 4:9)
3. Who Served Jesus After his Tempting.(Matthew 4:11)
4. Who Christ said we should only worship? Matthew 4:10
5. Where did Satan take Jesus for the Second Temptation.(Matthew 4:5)
6. What we are not to live on alone?(Matthew 4:4)
7. What Satan Tempted Christ to turn into Bread?(Matthew 4:3)
10. What Satan Offered Christ to Worship him? _____ of the World(Matthew 4:8)
12. What God does not do to any man? James 1:13

Down

1. What God provides us with when we are tempted? I Corinthians 10:13
2. Where Christ was led by the Spirit After his Baptism? Matthew 4:1
8. Jesus reply to Satan began each time, It is . . . Matthew 4:7
9. Another Word for the Devil? Mathew 4:10
11. Who tempted Christ? Matthew 4:1

Your Own Thoughts - Put the most important thought you learned from this lesson in your own words.

Yea, they spake _____ God; they said, Can God furnish a _____ in the wilderness? Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

3. (1 Cor 10:13 KJV) There hath no _____ taken you but such as is _____ to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted _____ that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to _____, that ye may be able to _____ it.

4. (Heb 2:18 KJV) For in that he _____ hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are _____.

5. (Heb 4:15 KJV) For we have not an high priest which cannot be _____ with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points _____ like as we are, yet without sin.

6. (James 1:12-13 KJV) Blessed is the man that endureth _____;for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath _____ to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of _____: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

7. (James 1:14-15 KJV) But every man is _____, when he is drawn away of his own _____, and enticed. Then when lust hath _____, it bringeth forth _____: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Questions

1. Who Tempted Christ?
2. What were the three temptations of Christ in this incidence?
3. What are the three types of Temptation we read about in John?

Match the Scriptue with the Event

4. Which temptation represents each of the different types of temptations of Christ?

5. What does it mean to Tempt God?

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a.4:1 b.4:2 c.4:3 d.4:4
e.4:5-6 f.4:7 g.4:8-9 h.4:10
i.4:11

_____ 1. Satan Tempted Christ by telling Him if He was God's Son to cast himself down from the temple and the angels would save him.

_____ 2. Satan Tempted Christ by challenging Him if He was God's Son to turn rocks into bread.

_____ 3. Satan Promised Christ all the Kingdoms of the world if he would worship him.

_____ 4. Jesus said, you shall worship the Lord your God and you shall serve him only.

_____ 5. Jesus said, we should not tempt the Lord our God.

_____ 6. Jesus said, Man should not live by Bread alone but by every word that comes from God's mouth.

_____ 7. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights.

_____ 8. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the dessert to be tempted.

_____ 9. After Satan left Jesus Angels came and ministered unto him.