

Facing Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

Spiritual Warfare – Part 2

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Isaiah 5:20 (NIV) Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Proverbs 17:15 (NASB) He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.

James 1:12 (NIV) Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Hebrews 3:8-9 (NIV) do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did.

1. Trust God to _____ your needs

Matthew 4:1-2 (NIV) Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

1A. Resist Satan's temptation to _____ God

Matthew 4:3 (NIV) The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

1B. Follow God's word for _____

Matthew 4:4 (NIV) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

2. Trust God to _____ your life

Matthew 4:5 (NIV) Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

2A. Resist Satan's temptation to _____ God

Matthew 4:6 (NIV) "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

2B. Follow God's Word of _____

Matthew 4:7 (NIV) Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

3. Trust God to fulfill your _____

Matthew 4:8 (NIV) Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

3A. Resist Satan's temptation to _____ God

Matthew 4:9 (NIV) "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

3B. Follow God's Word to _____

Matthew 4:10-11 (NIV) Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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Intro. How does Isaiah 5:20 apply to the recent Supreme Court decision to legalize same-sex marriages?

What should the church's response be to ungodly rulings such as these (Proverbs 17:15)?

In what ways are temptations from Satan also tests from God (James 1:12)?

How did the nation of Israel fail God's test in the wilderness (Hebrews 3:8-9)?

1A. What is significant about the fact that the Spirit led Jesus to be tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-2)?

1B. What was wrong with Satan's temptation of Jesus to turn stones into bread (Matthew 4:3)?

1C. How is it instructive that Jesus responded to temptation with God's Word? How would depending on God's word for direction cause Jesus to reject the temptation (Matthew 4:4)?

1D. In what ways are we tempted to meet our needs in ways not pleasing to God?

2A. Why are we often more in danger of succumbing to temptation in new situations (Matthew 4:5)?

2B. What does Satan's use of Scripture tell you about his methods today (Matthew 4:6)?

2C. How is Satan's temptation an invitation to test God (Matthew 4:7, Exodus 17:7)?

2D. How are we tempted to test God by demanding that He answer our prayers?

3A. How was the devil showing Jesus His eventual destiny as a temptation (Matthew 4:8)?

3B. Why would Satan's temptation have been appealing to Jesus (Matthew 4:9)?

3C. How did Jesus' use of Scripture commanding worship of God only counter the temptation (Matthew 4:10-11)?

3D. What idols are we tempted to bow down to in order to get a shortcut to something we desire?