
Temptation

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Genesis 3:5–6; 1 John 2:15–16; Matthew 4:1–11

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Introduction

1. 1st Adam failed when put to the test of being tempted
2. Every Adamic succession has failed which is the history to the O.T. (Consider Israel as a type of Adam)
3. The "last Adam" (1 Cor. 15:45) / Christ has succeeded

Outline

1. The Nature of Temptation
2. The Sources of Temptation
3. The Architecture of Temptation
4. The Victory over Temptation

Genesis 3:1–7 (NASB)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" ² The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden,

The Nature of Temptation

1. Doubting God's Word/Lack of Trust
2. Unbelief
3. Rebellion

God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.' " ⁴ The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! ⁵ "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your

eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

James 1:12–13 (NASB95)

¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

Ephesians 6:10–12 (NASB95)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

The Sources of Temptation

1. “Our own Lust”
2. Rulers
3. Authorities
4. Cosmic Powers
5. Spiritual Forces of Evil

{Note: Satan’s tactics: }

1. Challenges the veracity of God
2. Offers up alternative paths to “success”
3. Decorates the *fruit* of his way

The Architecture of Temptation

1. Lust of the Flesh / Doing
2. Lust of the Eyes / Having
3. Pride of Life / Being

1 John 2:15–16 (NASB95)

¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Matthew 4:1–11 (NASB95)

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’” ⁵ Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, ‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU’; and ‘ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

The Victory over Temptation

1. “Man shall not live by Bread Alone but by Every Word...” (Deut. 8:3)
2. “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test”
3. “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve”