

## **“Tried & True”**

**Matthew 4: 5 - 7**

**January 12, 2011**

- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
  - True righteousness as a nature has been displayed in the faithful obedience of Christ, (Chpt. 4)
    - 3. Obedience that knows and trusts the glory of God despite temptations in worship, (8 - 11)
      - By its nature, temptation will accentuate what is easy to see not what must be sought, (vs. 8a); *“By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.” (Hebrews 11:24-26)*
      - By its nature, temptation will offer what is exciting, glorious or alluring not what is true, (vs. 8b) *“And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king’s gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. Then Haman said, “Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king’s gate.” (Esther 5:9-13)*  
*“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ” (Matthew 16:26)*
      - By its nature, temptation will promise easy profit that is simply does not possess, (vs. 9a); *“And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” (Luke 4:5-7)*  
*“The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s, and on them he has set the world. ” (1 Samuel 2:7-8)*
      - By its nature, temptation will take worship that is intended only for God, (vs. 9b); *“...And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” (Revelation 22:8-9)*
      - By its nature, obedience seeks the glory of God in true worship, (vs. 10); *“It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ” (Deuteronomy 6:13)*  
  
*“But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (Matthew 16:23)*

## **“To Be Or Not” Series Outline**

### **Matthew 3 - 12**

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)*

#### **The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12)**

- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)