



**“THE DEVIL DIDN'T
MAKE HIM DO IT”**

The Temptation of Christ

Matthew 4:1-11

Trials & Temptation

“tempted”(v.1) =“Peirazo” / in a good sense: to try, make trial of, test: for the purpose of ascertaining his quantity, or what he thinks, or how he will behave himself

in a bad sense: to test one maliciously, enticement to sin, to solicit to sin.

James 1:2,13,14

2 Corinthians 12:7

Job 1:6-12

Luke 22:31, 32

Remember

This test came to Jesus right after He took the first step to do God's will, accomplish the work God had sent Him to do, and to follow the way God planned. Look at 3:13-17

If you chose to obey God's Word, do His will, and work for Him, You will be tested and tempted.

2 Corinthians 10:13

1. The Tempter is Real.

(v. 1)

The devil – Diabolos = to test one maliciously, to solicit to sin.

The tempter – Peirazo = prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely.

Satan - Satanias = adversary (one who opposes another in purpose or act).

He lives to dethrone God, derail God's plan of the ages, And destroy God's people. Rev. 12,13

The devil

- 1. Attacks God's Word – (3:17, 4:3)
Genesis 3:1 Luke 8:12**
- 2. Afflicts the body – Job 1:12**
- 3. Controls people – John 8:44, 13:2;
Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Ephesians 2:2**
- 4. Contends with the Saints – Eph. 6:12;
1 Peter 5:8 Luke 22:31**
- 5. Is subtle and powerful – 2 Thess. 2:9**

We need to

- 1. Resist him – James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9**
- 2. Not give place to him – Eph. 4:27**
- 3. Protect ourselves from him – Eph 6:11**
- 4. Claim the victory – 1 John 2:1, 3:8**

Satan will do everything in his power to destroy our walk with God, detour us from following His will, and keep us from God's work!

**In this passage He is trying to destroy God's
Plan**

2. The Test is Realistic.

(vs. 2-10)

- 1. Satisfy your appetite – (v. 4) lust of the flesh: would Jesus lay aside His deity to become a man? (Phil 2:6)**
- 2. Prove God – (v.5) Would Jesus follow God's will of suffering & death?**
- 3. Take the easy way - (v.8) Would Jesus complete God's work?**

3. The Temptation Can Be Resisted. (v.11)

The sword that defeated this temptation, the strength that passed the test was the **WORD OF GOD**

It's not an easy task to study, learn, and memorize the Scriptures but it is necessary if we are going to resist the devil and have victory over temptation!

Psalm 119:18

Tempted to ...

- 1. Lie: if you don't you're in trouble (self)
But it's wrong (Proverbs 12:22)**
- 2. Some lied and it was o.k. (Exodus 1:19)
But it's not God's way (Eph 4:25)**
- 3. Everybody does it & gets away with it.
But I will account to God (Ecc. 12:13)**
- 4. God will forgive you (I John 1:9)
But...**

Isn't it good to know..

Jesus saved us from the power of sin as well as it's penalty – Romans 6:1-26

Jesus showed us the way to resist Satan's temptation – (1 John 2:14)

Jesus sympathizes with us in our tests and is able to help us – (Heb. 2:17,18)

“Succour” = to help, bring aid

1 Corinthians 10:12,13

Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.

No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; He'll always be there to help you come through it.