



TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

MATTHEW 4:1-11

THE WHY ...

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God ..." vv. 1-3a

This _____ Christ as the Redeemer.

ADAM	JESUS
In a plentiful garden	In a desolate wilderness
Sought to be like God	God humbled Himself to be man
Trusted what the enemy said	Trusted what God said
Yielded to temptation	Victorious over temptation

THE HOW ...

For everything in the world—the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**—comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:16 NIV

Jesus overcomes the **lust of the flesh**.

And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" vv. 3-4

Jesus overcomes the **lust of the eyes**.

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" vv. 5-7

Jesus overcomes the **pride of life**.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" vv. 8-10

THE "WHAT NOW?" ...

Don't lose _____—you have an authenticated Savior who has already won.

Don't lose hold of _____ as your tool to fight the enemy.

Don't lose _____.

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. v. 11



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read Matthew 4:1-11. Once Jesus' identity was confirmed by the Father at His baptism, the Holy Spirit led him into the desert specifically to be tempted by the devil (v. 1). Why would the Spirit lead Him into such a difficult situation?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 5:4

But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 4:1-11

"Temptations involve the twisting of reality, so the antidote comes from the truth of Scripture. Jesus does not get involved in a match pitting his power as Son of God against Satan's power. Instead, he uses the truth of Scripture to guide his understanding of reality."

MICHAEL J. WILKINS

"Though wicked to the core, the devil's no dummy. He knows that the best chance he has at successfully hooking victims with temptation and dragging them into sin is when they are weakened in mind, emotion and will. When Satan catches us alone in a weakened state, he can more easily get us to justify our evil desires. And he can craft his temptations in such a way that the path toward destruction appears like the road to glory. His temptations can seem not only reasonable but even downright good and right."

CHARLES SWINDOLL

2. In what ways did the devil challenge Jesus' identity in each of the three temptations he presented? What false thinking was he trying to get Jesus, in His most vulnerable state, to succumb to?

3. What was Jesus' final response to Satan's temptations (v. 10)? How did Satan react? What does this say about the authority of Jesus?

4. What do these tests presented by Satan show us about the nature of temptation? In what ways are they the same ones he still uses on us?

5. We are entitled to use the same defense as God's Son himself—we can store Scripture in our hearts and know how to use it. How has Scripture helped you meet temptation or kept you from being distracted from God's purposes?

JOURNAL Matthew 4:1-11

Henri Nouwen notes how temptation can be what we may think are good things:

- (1) the temptation to be relevant - to do things, show things, prove things, build things that demonstrate the ability to make a difference in people's lives;
- (2) the temptation to be spectacular - to win great applause and popularity;
- (3) the temptation to be powerful - to use political, economic, spiritual and even military might as instruments for establishing the kingdom of heaven on earth.

How have you seen these aspects of temptation played out in our culture?

What about in your own life? How do you lean on your own strength when fighting temptation, instead of standing on Scripture and asking the Holy Spirit for empowerment?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

BAND OF BROTHERS AND WOMEN IN THE WORD BEGIN THIS WEEK. Looking for a place to connect at Christ Chapel or a dedicated time to study the Bible? Join us this week for new men's and women's Bible studies! Guys, starting this Thursday, Jan. 13 Band of Brothers will step into a study of 1 Peter and start talking about how to live out our calling even when it collides with the culture around us. Ladies, also starting this Thursday is Women in the Word with a new study in 1 Samuel. You'll uncover how the lives of God's people play a part in His story of salvation and how His redemptive love is your story too. Learn more and sign up at ccbcfamily.org/events.

LADIES, MARK THE START OF 2022 AT "A GOOD YEAR WITH GOD." Women's Ministry wants to help you step into the new year with your eyes set on the best of goals: knowing God better than the year before. Join us on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon for an encouraging time of teachings and testimonies about disciplines that matter in your walk with God: prayer, surrender, the Word and solitude. We think you'll come away motivated and equipped to experience God in new ways this new year, so visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events to register this week. The cost is \$20 per person and Kids Care is available by reservation.

PARENTS, REGISTER FOR THE 2022 TOPICS IN PARENTING CONFERENCE. We're here to encourage and equip you as you navigate our world and disciple your children with wisdom and clarity. At this year's conference we'll assess the cultural climate we're currently in and give you more building blocks for faith-based parenting that keeps your family's focus on Jesus. The conference happens Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Fort Worth Campus. Learn more and register at ccbcfamily.org/events (the cost is \$10 per person).

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE THIS YEAR? JOIN SERVE OUR SCHOOLS! As the new semester gets underway, Christ Chapel's Serve Our Schools ministry has opportunities for you to jump in and serve. Through partnerships with schools in Fort Worth, Weatherford and Burleson, we're showing up as mentors for kids, giving teachers an extra hand in classrooms and helping kids improve their reading skills. There's a way you can share God's love and care this year, so contact Cathy at CathyS@christchapelbc.org to get started.



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