

ENDURING TEMPTATION (2)

Overcoming Sin & Temptation (5)

The Second Temptation of Jesus: You Shall Not Test The Lord

I. Introduction

- A. Last night we discussed the parallels between the wandering in the wilderness of Israel, Jesus, and even us today.
- B. 1 John 2:15-17 reveals how Satan tries to tempt us all (cf. Gen. 3:6).
 - 1. The first temptation shows Jesus overcoming the lust of the flesh.
 - 2. The second temptation shows how Jesus overcomes the lust of the eyes.
- C. We continue by looking at how Jesus remained steadfast during the most strenuous moments of physical & mental fatigue.

II. “It Is Written...”

- A. Satan’s tactic was to literally quote Scripture (Mt. 4:5-6; cf. Gen. 3).
- B. He deliberately misinterprets it (Ps. 91:11-12).
- C. He tries to challenge God by using His own words against Him. Ultimately, that doesn’t work.

III. “On The Other Hand...”

- A. Jesus quotes a passage with a particular context - Massah (Deut. 6:16; cf. Ex. 17).
 - 1. Though God still provided for Israel, the lesson is clearly NOT: act like Israel did.
- B. No matter what circumstance we find ourselves in, we are in no position to put God to the test (Judg. 6:36-40).
- C. Today, we can put God to the test (directly or indirectly) with certain convictions, doubts, or worries that have not been tried with God’s word.

IV. What Does Jesus Teach Us?

- A. God’s word is perfectly balanced (Mt. 4:7).
- B. If there is an imbalanced portion of Scripture, it is not God who has messed up in His revelation. Rather, it is the failure of the interpreter.
- C. We must know God’s word to handle it correctly (2 Tim. 2:15).

V. Conclusion

- A. Are you willing to follow the example of Jesus and just do what the Father says?

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