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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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"TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?" - PART 3

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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We Come Now to Part Three of Our Four Part Look Into, What the Bible has to Say About Temptation!

There is not a human being within the sound of my voice that is exempt from temptation. and it is nearly impossible for us to identify the different shapes, colors and sizes that temptation comes in.

But The Bible Breaks It Down for Us!

1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or 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, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. :14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. :15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

**because temptation originated in the spiritual realm,
it requires a non-conventional approach by us.**

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. :4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

The Weapons of Choice are Exclusive!

Ephesians 6:16-17b

above all, taking **the shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. and :17b **the sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God;

**we cannot eliminate our exposure to temptation, but we can
minimize it and we can certainly be victorious against it**

Can I Add This Bit of "Intel" for Your
Encouragement?

Even If You've Gotten Shot in the
Vitals

and you've fallen away from the Lord or you've given up
the fight

It's Time to Get Back Into It - This Time, Don't Look Back!

A Pattern for Our Learning;

Satan launched his first wave of attack by tempting Jesus in the realm of

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1 John 2:16

was an attack against Jesus' flesh **(phase 1) the lust of the flesh,** (**(phase 2) the lust of the eyes,** and **(phase 3) the pride of life**

1 John 2:16 & Luke 4:3-4

(phase 1 of attack) the lust of the flesh (don't wait for God)

"If You are the Son of God, command **this stone to become bread.**" :4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God..."

1 John 2:16 & Luke 4:5-7

(phase 2 of attack) the lust of the eyes (take things into your own hands)

:5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. :6 And the devil said to Him, (2) "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. :7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

1 John 2:16 & Luke 4:9-11

(phase 3 of attack) **the pride of life** (be exclusive, be separate)

:9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. :10 For it is written: '*He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,*' :11 and, '*In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*'"

Luke 4:1-8

Then Jesus, **being filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led **by the Spirit** into the wilderness, :2 **being tempted** for forty days **by the devil**. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, **He was hungry.** :3 And the devil said to Him (when?), (1) "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." :4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God** :5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. :6 And the devil said to Him, (2) "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. :7

Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” :8 And Jesus answered and said to him, “**Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’**”

TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

I.) We're to hold on to the Lord vs. 9-11

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Throughout the Bible

there is a constant call, an invitation from God to Mankind to Draw Near to Him, to
Come Closer to Him

we do not have distant God like Islam teaches.
we do not have a carnal god like Hindu teaches

a.) By trusting Him to keep us till the end v.9

Then Satan brought Jesus to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here
Satan Not Only Desired Jesus to be Disobedient, / He Desired that Jesus Would Fail at Trusting God the Father. = But here Satan is Challenging Jesus to "Boast in the Fact"

Jesus' Strength was in the Fact that
He was Close to His Father Above!!!

He Trusted His Father - so as to not provoke Him

We Do That By Trusting in The Lord

if I'm trusting, I won't be worrying

We Can't Trust Anyone Until We Know Them.

"To Know is to Love" (That's Only True - If I Trust You)

I Trust in The Lord Because I Know That He Loves Me

"Because He Loves Me, I Can Trust Him.... Becaaaaause
since He Loves me, I know He wants what's best for me

Every Parent Wants Their Child to Trust Them

Jesus Has Committed Himself to Us, Unto the End

Matthew 28:20

...and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

&

Hebrews 13:5

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

HOLDING ON TO THE LORD MEANS? That I am Going to Trust Him

b.) By listening to what His Bible has to say v.10

For it is written:

"He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,

Satan Knows Exactly What He's Doing;
He Twists the Scriptures to His Advantage

Psalms 91:11-12

For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you **IN ALL YOUR WAYS. - - :12**
In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Satan Deleted Four, All Powerful Words
IN ALL YOUR WAYS

Psalm 91 is a Psalm of Promised Protection

if we walk with God in Obedience to Him

This Little Bit of Deception
Could Have Been Devastating Because of the Rest of the Psalm... v.13-14

Psalm 91:13-14

You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. :14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

When We Refuse to Listen to What The Bible has to Say,
we go it alone, without God's word, without God's promise

Satan Tried to get Jesus to Disobey the Bible

HOLDING ON TO THE LORD MEANS?
That I am Going to Listen to Him Through The Word

1 John 2:14

I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Satan Seeks to Get You and I to Ignore the Bible;
Why Does He Care?

There is No Saving Faith without The Word of God

Romans 10:17

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Change *The Definition* of the Word,
and You Corrupt the Faith.

John 1:1-2, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
:2 He was in the beginning with God, ... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full
of grace and truth.

Satan Can't Change the Word,
He can Only Add to It or Take Away from It.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ (The Word) *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

c.) *By knowing His nature toward us* v.11

*and, "In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'*

Because Satan Altered the Word,
He can turn a portion of the truth into a lie.

Taking a Text out of its Context, Makes it a
Pretext;
or a lie in Satan's arsenal.

Revelation 22:17-19

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let
him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. :18 ¶ For I
testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to
these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; :19 and if
anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away
his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written
in this book.

Knowing the "Nature" of The Lord

is the single most comforting thing in our Christian lives

His Nature is Love

In This Case;
To Misunderstand the Nature of God

This is the Root to those Questions People Ask,

"if your god is a God of love then why?"
(as though we know better)

"why doesn't God just do this or that?"
(like we know what we're doing)

"how can God send someone to hell?"
(the Bible says the opposite)

The Bible Says - Hebrews 10:22

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

**HOLDING ON TO THE LORD MEANS?
That I Know Him More and More - My Goal!**

TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

II.) We're to practice being like the Lord vs. 12

a.) By doing what Jesus does v.12

And Jesus answered and said to him,

**“It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.
‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’**

tempt

to create a situation that forces God's hand to act

**Once Billy Graham was speaking to students at yale
university when a man cried out and said;
"If God is God, I am giving Him 5 minutes to strike me dead"**

We're "tempting" the Lord when we're
not simply relying upon Him - *in simplicity!*

***By doing what Jesus does in this Life,
we will be honoring the Lord***

Peter and John Got Caught Doing the Things that Jesus Did.

Acts 4:12-14

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” :13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. **And they realized that they had been with Jesus.** :14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

And We Should Get Caught Doing What Peter and John Did

John 14:12-13

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father. :13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

b.) By saying what Jesus says v.12

‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’

we're "tempting" the Lord when we panic,
and talk like we don't know Him.

Peter Knew what it was like to tempt the Lord
when he denied Jesus those three times

What Does Jesus Say?

I know He says; "don't let yourself get upset and worry about stuff because
My Father will take care of you."

I know that He said;
you're now My friends for you know what your Master does

John 15:7-8

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. :8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

III.) We're to be ready in the Lord vs. 13

Now when the devil had ended **every temptation**,
he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Notice Here The Issue of Time and Timing

***When the Devil had ended...
...an opportune time***

ever since the garden of Eden,
we learn that Satan knows when to show up and when to leave.

a.) Jesus taught us to resist v.13

now when the devil had ended **every temptation...**

With Every Temptation Satan Could Throw,
Jesus Countered with the Bible

the devil has jurisdiction over the temptations that come our way

But the Lord has provided a greater power for us.

***When the Devil had ended...
...an opportune time***

1 Peter 5:8

Be **sober**, be **vigilant**; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **:9 Resist** him, (being) **steadfast** in the faith

James 4:7-8

Therefore (1) **submit** to God. (2) **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you. **:8 (3) Draw** near to God and He will draw near to you.

submit

*to bring yourself under the command of another. to go from
giving orders to receiving orders*

resist

man your position or take a stance, be anchored or grounded.

draw near

to present yourself, to enter in with assurance

b.) Jesus taught us to endure v.13

...he **departed** from Him...

in an effort to re calculate
to watch, to be looking, studying, waiting, lurking

We're to Endure Temptation

and our day is coming = Indiana

temptation and spiritual attacks
will come in waves and in seasons.

Matthew 24:13

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.
(you will **complete your call**)

Mark 13:13

And you will be hated by all men because of My name's sake.

But he who endures (**complete your call**) to the end shall be saved.

2 Timothy 4:5-8

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. :6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. :7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. :8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

c.) Jesus taught us to be on guard v.13

...until an **opportune** time.

Satan is Watching and Looking
for that moment to take advantage

to look for an advantage

to try a door, to slide a window, looking for an unguarded entry
something left undone // like an open window

General Satan

'it's reported that Christopher Christian isn't reading his Bible,
what do you want us to do?

General Satan

it's been reported that Betty Believer isn't serving at her church anymore,
what would you have us to do?

General Satan

it's been reported that Susie Saint's prayer life is cooling off,
what would you have us to do?

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him

as He is. :3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

and being pure means that we're guarding against the things
that could pollute us

Luke 21:34-36

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. :35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. :36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

James 1:12-16

Blessed (Happy - how? why? - because of the victory) *is* the man who endures temptation; for when 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 tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. :14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. :15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. :16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

1 John 5:3-5

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. :4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. :5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Let's Decide, Let's Pray

...end