

Temptation



The God Who Seeks and Saves

Luke 4:1-13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1CORINTHIANS 10:13

Jesus' Temptation

Led by the Spirit of God vs. 1-2

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

LUKE 4:1-2

- God leads us to difficulties to lead us _____ difficulties. (SEE JAMES 1:2-4)
- Temptations are allowed by God. He doesn't tempt us. (SEE JAMES 1:13-15)

First Temptation vs. 3-4

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"

LUKE 4:3-4

- Jesus was tempted to _____ from the Father, not trusting God with His needs.

Second Temptation vs. 5-8

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' LUKE 4:5-8

- Jesus was tempted to _____ rather than offer worship to God.

Third Temptation vs. 9-13

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. LUKE 4:9-13

- Jesus was tempted to test God's _____ for His life.

Our Temptations

1. Independence: *Where are you seeking life?*

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 1 CORINTHIANS 10:12

2. Not giving to Him what is due Him

3. Do you doubt God's plan for your life?

God's Solutions

1. The *power of the Spirit*
2. The *precepts of God's Word*
3. The *plan of God* for our life

How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (ROMANS 3:23)
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (I CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

(JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20)

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast." EPHESIANS 2:8,9