

Sunday, February 12, 2023
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“That’s Tempting”

Matthew 4:1-11

Today’s BIG IDEA:

Jesus gives us victory over temptation.

1. Satan tempts us in our **STRENGTHS** and

_____ (v.1-3a)

A. When we’re UP (v.1-3a)
(2 Samuel 11:1-4)

B. When we’re DOWN (v.2-3a)

But the _____ is not

_____ (v.1)

(1 Peter 5:8-9a)

2. Satan tempts us with **SHORTCUTS** to our

_____ (v.3-10)

(1 John 2:15-16)

- Temptations are “shortcuts” that Satan wants us to take instead of trusting God’s way to ultimate satisfaction.

A. With what our _____ crave (v.3)

B. With what our _____ craves (v.5-6)

C. With what our _____ crave (v.8-9)

But God’s _____ is

_____ it (v.4,7,10)

(Deuteronomy 6:13,16; 8:3)

- Every time Satan presented Jesus with a shortcut, Jesus compared it to the path of Scripture.

3. Satan tempts us by **SKEWING** God’s

_____ (v.6)

But the _____ is _____ (v.7)

- “Jesus balanced Scripture with Scripture to get the total expression of God’s will.” – Warren Wiersbe

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4. Satan tempts us with **SUSTAINED**

_____ (v.11)

(Luke 4:13; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

- We never mature beyond being tempted.

But the _____

with us (v.11)

(Hebrews 4:15)

SOME FINAL GOOD NEWS:

(Romans 7:24-25a)

- Jesus doesn't just give us victory when we **fight** temptation. He gives us victory after we **fall** to temptation.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What temptations do you wrestle with the most? How are those temptations "shortcuts"? What is God's will for you in those areas, and how is his way better?
2. Why is knowing God's Word so important when we face temptation? What other resources are helpful in our battle against temptation?
3. How does Jesus offer us hope when we face temptation? How is that hope still available when we fall?