

# LESSONS FROM THE TEMPTATION

**MATTHEW 4:1-11**



**Tempted after new beginning**

**Jesus**

**- after his baptism & affirmation**

**Adam**

**– after his creation and authorization**



**Why does God Allow Temptation?**

**What is Temptation?**

**James 1:12-15**

Why Does God Allow Temptation?

## James 1:12

Blessed *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.

Why Does God Allow Temptation?

## James 1:13

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.

## Why Does God Allow Temptation?

# So how was Jesus Tempted?

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5-7





What Is Temptation?

## James 1:14-15

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away  
by his own desires and enticed.

Then, when desire has conceived,  
it gives birth to sin; and sin,  
when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

What Is Temptation?

## James 1:14-15

Jesus was never enticed by desires.

No thought, word, deed, attitude or motive of  
the Lord Jesus was ever sin.



A faint, grayscale background image depicting the biblical scene of Jesus being tempted by the devil. Jesus is shown in the center, looking down, while the devil is on the right, gesturing towards him. The scene is set against a dark, textured background.

Jesus was Tempted like us

## Hebrew 4:15-16

For we do not have a High Priest  
who cannot **sympathize with our weaknesses**,  
but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*,  
*yet* without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of  
grace, **that we may obtain mercy and find**  
**grace to help in time of need.**

# The Temptations



If you are the Son of God – verse 3, 5

“If you are the Son of God..  
and let’s assume it is true for the sake of argument”

Question to what God had just said.



## **First Temptation** vs. 3-4

**Use what God has given for self**

**Hungry – make food**

**Have a want – use God's power to take care of it**

**Go outside of God's ways**



## First Temptation vs. 3-4

Jesus never use God's power for personal gain,  
honor, benefit or status

Used it to turn bread and fish to fill 5000

All we have needs to be used for the glory of God



## First Temptation vs. 3-4

**Make Physical – Material more important than Spiritual**

“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

Deuteronomy 8:3



## First Temptation vs. 3-4

Need bread but...

Most important thing for your life is  
to hear what God has to say

**Spiritual above the Physical and Material**





## Second Temptation vs. 5-7

Wilderness – difficult areas of life  
depressed and discouraged

Jerusalem - holy city – religious area of life  
holy and self-giving

No area where Devil does not temp us.

## **Second Temptation** vs. 5-7

Satan pushes the acclaim and honor of people  
Something Jesus would find attraction to it.

Satan quotes scripture to Jesus and us

Ps 91:11-12

**Temptation to move without God's leading  
and expect God to take care of us**

## **Second Temptation** vs. 5-7

Psalm 91 Secret place of most high

All your ways found in God's will

Many heresy when quote part of verse leave out something.

**Do something to gain acclaim  
without the leading of God**

## Second Temptation vs. 5-7

Angels not provided for those in presumption

Angels protect us – but not those who move  
without God's direction.



## Second Temptation vs. 5-7

Do something without the leading of God and expect  
God to take care of the results

“It is written again,  
‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”  
Deuteronomy 6:16



## Third Temptation vs. 8-11

The places of attack

Wilderness – time of difficulty

Holy City – holy moments of service

Mountain – when been used greatly



## **Third Temptation** vs. 8-11

Seek honor and glory of world by bowing knee to Satan – doing wrong to get advantage in world.

**Bypass God's way**

**Shortcut to have God's final plan**



## Third Temptation vs. 8-11

God has appointed a way for his purpose  
To get there by any other way would be sin.

Impossible to live in the Kingdom of God without  
Dying to self and taking up cross and following Him.

## Third Temptation vs. 8-11

Do something without going God's approved way  
Taking a shortcut

“Away with you, Satan!  
For it is written,  
“You shall worship the LORD your God,  
and Him only you shall serve.””

Deuteronomy 6:13



# Third Temptation vs. 8-11

## Worship then Service

Romans 12:1-2

Presentation of our bodies and their parts in  
complete surrender to the Lord

Then we can serve.

# The Temptations

It is written vs 4

It is written vs 7

It is written vs 11

Scripture was the final authority for Jesus.

Not man's traditions  
or if it was good for some,  
but what God says.

# The Temptations

Satan left for a period of time.

But he would be back.





# The Temptations

God not allow us to be tempted above our ability

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but **God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able,** but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

*1 Corinthians 10:13*



# The Way When Tempted

## 1. The Scriptures

It is written – Matthew 4:4

It is written – Matthew 4:7

It is written – Matthew 4:11



# The Way When Tempted

## 2. God's Throne

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,  
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in  
time of need.

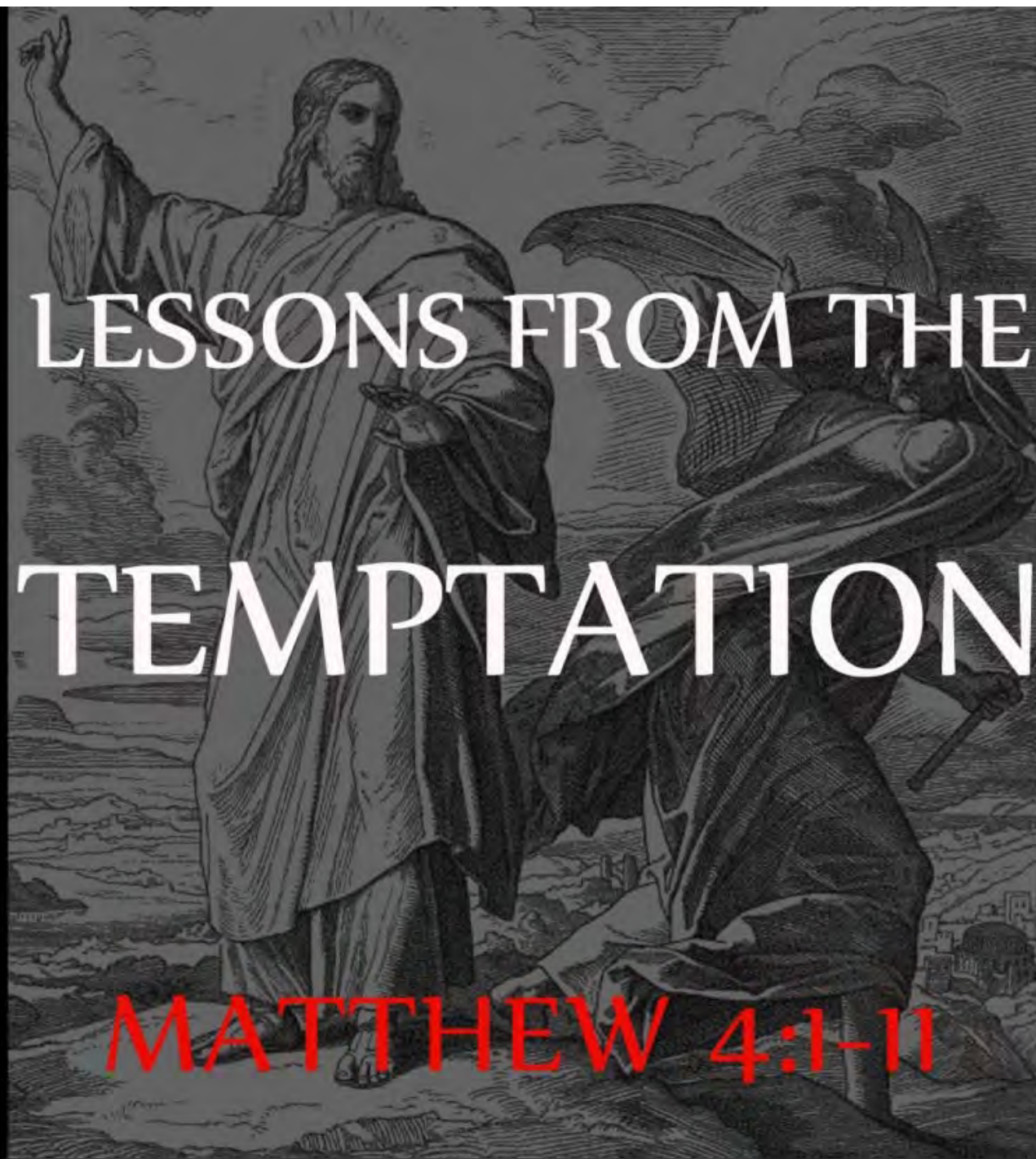
Hebrews 4:16

# The Way When Tempted

## 3. The Mind

For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6



# LESSONS FROM THE TEMPTATION

**MATTHEW 4:1-11**





**This is the day that the LORD has made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24 New King James Version**