

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

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“Temptation” Luke 4:1-15

You have an adversary and you are no match for him but he is no match for your Savior! Your Savior Jesus is both your model and means to overcoming temptation.

Luke for three chapters has been amassing proof that Jesus is the Messiah, Son of God and the Savior of the world. This text adds to Jesus' Messianic credentials revealing his character by showing us that He can conquer Satan and temptation in the most intense confrontation.

WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT TEMPTATION?

- It is the enticement to do wrong with the promise of pleasure or gain. It is bait on a hook. James 1:12-16
- It is not a sin to be tempted. Heb4:15-16
- Our temptations are never too strong to resist. 1Cor10:13
- When we're tempted—what we do reveals who we are. 1Pet1:6-7

WHERE'S THE BATTLEGROUND?

- Every time you make spiritual progress expect a counter attack. Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-2
- It is not fang marks on our skin but lies in our heart. Rev12:9; John 8:44; 2Cor11:14
- Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers (2Cor4:4) and leads astray the minds of believers (2Cor11:3).
- Satan attacks our identity in three ways:
Luke 3:22 You are my beloved Son... vv3, 9 If you are the Son of God...
 - ✓ Mistrust the Father's love. v3
 - ✓ Mistrust the Father's hope (plan). Vv5-6
 - ✓ Mistrust the Father's faithfulness. Vv9-11

Attack the three Christian virtues: love, hope & faith. 1Cor13:13
Temptation to make good things into ultimate things: pleasures (girls), possessions (gold) and positions (glory). 1John2:15-17

- Satan's one-two punch: Temptation (v13) & Accusation (Rev12:10).

WHAT ARE THE WEAPONS?

- Spirit Baptism's prepare you for spiritual battles. Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-2; Eph3:16-20
- God's Word will instruct you and the Holy Spirit will empower you. Vv1-2, 4, 8, 12; Ps119:9-11; Phil2:13
- The power of sin's promise is always broken by the power of God's promise. vv4, 8, 12; Ps51:12; Jer2:13; Heb11:24-26

Growing Notes

1) What are some major sins in our society that have become acceptable and even celebrated? What are some more subtle sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves—such as worry, ingratitude, judgmentalism, discontentment, etc.? When are you most susceptible to temptation?

2) Read Luke 4:1-15. What stands out to you from this text? How does this text add to Jesus' Messianic credentials? How is Jesus both our model and means to overcoming temptation (Heb4:15-16)? What is temptation (James 1:12-16)? Is it a sin to be tempted? Explain. What does 1Cor10:13 promise? What does our response to temptation reveal (1Pet1:6-7)?

3) When should you expect a counter attack (Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-2)? Where's the battleground (Rev12:9; John 8:44; 2Cor11:14)? What does Satan do to unbelievers (2Cor4:4) and believers (2Cor11:3)? In what three ways does Satan attack our identity (vv3, 5-6, 9-11)? Explain Satan's one-two punch?

4) How do Spirit Baptism's (Luke 3:21-22; Eph3:16-20) prepare us for spiritual battles (vv1-2)? How does God's Word (Vv1-2, 4, 8, 12; Ps119:9-11) and the Holy Spirit (Phil2:13) help us to overcome temptations? What does it mean that the power of sin's promise is broken by the power of God's promise (vv4, 8, 12; Heb11:24-26)? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.