

A Little Trouble with Temptation.....?

We have been studying "Apostasy in the End Times," alongside with another heavy hit: "Sin, Transgression, and Iniquity." These word studies are actually strengthening and maturing believers to come up in the things of God so He can use us in the End Times.

In the Apostasy Studies, we found out there are 3 main reasons for falling away:

1. Temptation
2. Deception
3. Persecution

As I was seeking God about what to speak, I heard an awesome teaching on Manna Fest by Perry Stone "What we need to know about Temptation" and I knew the Spirit of God was directing our study!

We are dealing with manifold temptations nowadays in every level. (Dream)

Here's the good news. Jesus was also tempted, and the Word tells us He experienced every temptation that is common to man. He experienced the onslaught on the enemy's schemes full force, and He was victorious over all of them.

Matthew 4:5

Jesus is Tempted

1. "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
2. And when He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He was hungry afterwards.
3. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to be made bread." 4. But Jesus answered & said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."
5. Then the devil took Him up to the Holy City (Jerusalem) and set Him on a pinnacle of the Temple. 6. And said to Him, ' If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge over you: and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone. 7. Jesus answered him, ' It is written again, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." 8. Again the devil took him up into an exceedingly high mountain, & showed Him all the kingdoms of the earth. 9; And said to Him, 'All these things I will give you, if you will fall down & worship me.' 10. Then said Jesus, "Get you hence, Satan; for it is written "You shall worship the Lord your God, Him only shall you serve." 11. Then the devil left Him, & behold, angels came & ministered to Him.

Luke 4:1-13 More insights

1. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit, He had just been baptized in Jordan
2. Satan offered Him all the power & glory of the world's kingdoms and declared it had been given to him! He says he has authority to give this power to whomever!
3. The devil departed from Jesus for a season (Kairos - appointed time)!

Notice to all Christians: When did the Enemy Tempt Jesus?

1. After His Baptism
2. After the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Where did the Enemy Tempt Jesus?

- In the wilderness - the desert - in dry and empty places, outside of Church
- 2. In the Pinnacle of the Temple - uh oh.....in Church ...high places....
- At the top of a High Mountain - The top of the World Success System

Why did the enemy Tempt Jesus?

1. To show us we can overcome the Enemy!
2. To introduce the Word of God as a weapon against the enemy
3. To Help us understand our "infirmities" - human weaknesses
The Battle of Temptation can NOT be won by our own abilities, our own strength, by OUR FLESH... we must have SPIRITUAL help against the enemy.

"The Word of God is quick and powerful, and shaper that any 2 edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

- 4, So we can understand who is the author of temptation!

GOD DOES NOT TEMPT US..... SATAN TEMPTS US!

1 Corinthians 10:13 "There has no temptation taken us but such as is common to man: but God is FAITHFUL, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able to ; but will with the temptation also make a way of ESCAPE, that you may be able to bear it."

Satan is the Accuser Rev. 12:10b "for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

Jesus uses the WORD, refuses to argue with Satan

Temptation itself is NOT a sin! Jesus was tempted and without sin!

Hebrew 4:15 "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are , yet without sin."

Sin is a seed, it has to be planted to grow!

James 1:13-15 "let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God can not be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man. But every man is tempted, when e is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. The when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: And sin when it is finishes, brings forth death

Common Temptations we all have faced:

Pride, Anger, Envy, Greed, doubt, sexual sins, drugs,.... name your poison

