

Dealing With Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11

Introduction: Temptation exists in the world. Jesus gives us an example of how to deal with it, Hebrews 4:15

I. Providing For Ourselves Apart From God, Mt. 4:3-4

- A. What is wrong with making stones become bread?
Jesus had to live like us
- B. What is it we “live” for?
Deuteronomy 8:3, bread is the substance of life
- C. Are you rich towards God?
Matthew 6:33, Luke 12:21

II. An Unrealistic Trust Towards God, Mt. 4:5-6

- A. The Bible does teach us to trust God
Titus 1:2, Proverbs 3:5-6
- B. Some think they can disobey, yet still be rewarded
2 Thess. 1:7-9, Jude 4
- C. Satan distorts Scripture
Saved by grace alone? 2 Cor. 6:1, Titus 2:11-12

III. Looking for a Cheap Substitute for Obedience, Mt 4:8-10

- A. Satan offers things now
Why endure the cross?
Worship me and get everything NOW
- B. This distorts man’s purpose
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Ephesians 2:10
- C. Our success can only be provided by God
James 1:17