

Temptation Dissection

1 John 1: 8 If we claim to be without sin, **we deceive ourselves** and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have **not sinned**, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

If resisting temptation is only
about resisting sin

We will always experience
hopelessness due to our sinful
nature

If the gospel is only about
deliverance from sin

Resisting temptation will be
limited to deliverance from sin

Jesus' gospel was about the
arrival of the Kingdom of God.

Luke 4: 43 But he said, “I must proclaim the **good news of the kingdom of God** to the other towns also, because **that is why I was sent.**”

Matthew 4: 4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

Matthew 4: 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

Matthew 4: 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said,
“throw yourself down. For it is written:
“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a
stone.””

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not
put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4: 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Matthew 4: 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Often, our greatest
temptations come on the
heels of **spiritual victories**.

Temptation hits us at every level of our being (**physical, emotional/mental, and spiritual**).



The **defining** characteristic of temptation is the **easy path**.

Matthew 7: 13-14 “Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, **easygoing formulas** for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, **even though crowds of people do**. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.
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Mark 1: 12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, **13** and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. **He was with the wild animals**, and angels attended him.

Kingdom
of God vs.

animal gods
of Exodus

4 beasts of
Daniel 7

beasts of
Revelation

"ruler of the kingdom
of the air" (Eph. 2)

Will you be loyal to the
Kingdom of **God** or the
Kingdom of **Animals**?

Real temptation has more to
do with Kingdom **loyalty** than
with **sin**.

James 1: 13 When tempted, **no one should say,**
“God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted
by evil, nor does he tempt anyone...

Matthew 6: 13 And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from the evil one.

Genesis 39: 8 But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; **everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.** 9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. **How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”**

Embrace the "gospel" as
the "good news" of the
Kingdom of God

Let SIN
Be a SIGN

Galatians 5: 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like....

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

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