

## Divine Methods of Testing Believers

- I. By giving believers an opportunity to make a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Adam and Eve
1. God's command **Genesis 2:15-17**
  2. The opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ **Genesis 3:1-7**
    - a. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ God's command [2:15-Keep-watch over, guard, preserve]
    - b. Adam made a \_\_\_\_\_ to disobey what he knew was right
      - (1) 1Tim 2:14 *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*
      - (2) Rom 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*
- B. The Lord Jesus Christ **Matt 4:1-10**
1. *Lead by the Spirit*—indicates Jesus was in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  2. *Tempted*—tested, an attempt of satan to make Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (as Adam and Eve had done) while under great physical and emotional strain
- C. We also are given a choice each day as to whom we will serve. **Joshua 24:15**—*Choose ye this day whom ye will serve*
- II. By \_\_\_\_\_ believers to be tempted
- A. **James 1:2-3** Trials/temptation are \_\_\_\_\_.
1. The question is not "if" but "when".
  2. Such situations are not to be considered *strange*, but recognize it as a \_\_\_\_\_ part of the believer's life
- B. **James 1:12** Trials/temptation can be resisted and \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Blessing to the believer who does *endure*—remains under \_\_\_\_\_ fleeing or surrendering to the temptation
  2. He is \_\_\_\_\_ to endure because his focus is on Christ—*them that love Him*.
  3. He recognizes that there is something \_\_\_\_\_ than yielding to the temptation.
- C. **James 1:13-15** God is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of temptation, although He does allow them.
1. We are more vulnerable to temptation when our focus is \_\_\_\_\_ Christ **Vs 12, 14a**
  2. Our lust is more \_\_\_\_\_ when our focus is off Christ **Vs 14b**
  3. We are headed for spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ when we have our eyes off Christ **Vs 15**
- D. **1 Cor 10:13**—Trials/temptation is common in the life of every believer, and so is the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation.
1. No trial/temptation will ever defeat us unless we \_\_\_\_\_ it to.
  2. God has made provision for \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation even as it enters into our life.