

What About The Things I Need?

Matthew 3:13-4:11

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Review: What is at stake with every temptation?

- Your **future** is at stake
- Your **family's** future is at stake
- You **faith** is at stake

Remember: Every temptation ask the question – “Can God be trusted with this?”

Two general views of God:

Some people think about God **in the abstract** - Ultimately, God is not interested in my daily affairs, they are up to me

Some people recognize God **in the specifics**- Truthfully, God is interested in my daily affairs; He is interested in me

Temptation #1: Meet a legitimate need **in an illegitimate way**

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

- This temptation comes when **I have a legitimate need**
- This temptation comes when **I don't see another way**
- This temptation comes when **there is something I could do** to meet my own need

Answer #1 – God knows what I need, **I will wait for Him.**

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*’” (See also Deuteronomy 8:1-20 especially verse 3)

- God can be trusted **with our daily needs**
- God is **who we need**
- God is who actually gets tested
- God will build your faith **in the gap**

Psalm 27:13-14 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

STOP AND THINK! Would God have me meet this need in this way?