



A Prototype of Victory

Matthew 4:1-11

In this event, Jesus corrects the failures of the past and demonstrates how to have victory in the future.

- 1. The humanity of Jesus is tempted.**
- 2. Jesus is a relatable Savior who can empathize with you.**
- 3. Jesus in his humanity even learned obedience.**
- 4. Jesus can help us with our suffering and temptations because he was tempted himself.**

1

The temptation to depend on self rather than God

Matthew 4:1-4

Lessons from the 1st Temptation

- 1. Temptations don't always include a violation of God's law, but a distraction from God's will.**
- 2. Pragmatism is a great temptation – to get the right thing, the wrong way.**
- 3. Temptations of necessity entice us to believe that we know what we need better than God does.**
- 4. Fighting this temptation requires us to resolve to live by the Word and will of God, not through our own self effort and personal power.**



2

The temptation to promote self instead of God

Matthew 4:5-7

Lessons from the 2nd Temptation

- 1. The temptation of self-promotion appeals to our desire for self-importance, self-relevance, recognition, and attention.**
- 2. Satan mixes right truth with wrong thinking even by twisting Scripture.**
- 3. Presumptuous living places self over God.**
- 4. Tempting God attempts to place Him in the place of serving us.**
- 5. Our sense of importance comes from being in God's kingdom, not through self-promotion.**



3

The temptation to worship self rather than God

Matthew 4:8-11



Lessons from the 3rd Temptation

- 1. The temptation of self-worship is a form of idolatry.**
- 2. Satan's temptations often includes a short cut—an offer of the right thing at the wrong time.**
- 3. We are joint heirs with Christ, but we must patiently wait to reign with Jesus.**

Concluding Applications

As followers of Christ, we must ...

- **learn to depend fully on God and avoid getting the right thing the wrong way.**
- **find our sense of identity and importance from being a servant of the King, not from self-promotion.**
- **worship only Christ, knowing that we will one day rule with Him**