

# Jesus' Answer to His Second Temptation

Handout #5

*Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. (Matt. 4:7)*

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## I. Introduction

1. That Christ Answered
  
2. What Christ Answered
  - 2.1. It Strikes at the Throat of the Temptation
  
  - 2.2. It Gives Us Instruction with Advantage
    - 2.2.1. That we must not esteem Scripture less though Satan abuse it
  
    - 2.2.2. What Scriptures speaks to all it speaks to singular persons
  
    - 2.2.3. Christ subjected himself to the moral law as a pattern of obedience

## II. Doctrine: Tempting of God is a heinous sin

1. What this tempting is
  - 1.1. To the object
    - 1.1.1. God
      - 1.1.1.1. Explicitly
  
      - 1.1.1.2. Implicitly
  
    - 1.1.2. Christ
      - 1.1.2.1. In the days of his flesh
  
      - 1.1.2.2. In his state of glory
  
    - 1.1.3. Holy Spirit
  
  - 1.2. To the act
    - 1.2.1. In a way of duty

1.2.2. An allowed trying of God in some cases

1.2.3. A sinful tempting of God

1.2.3.1. Generally

1.2.3.2. Particularly

1.2.3.2.1. In a way of distrust

1.2.3.2.2. In a way of presumption

2. The heinousness of it

2.1. Because it is a great arrogancy

2.2. Because it is a great unbelief

2.3. Because it loosens the bonds of obedience

2.4. Because it is a great ingratitude

2.5. Because it is wantonness

2.6. Because it argues impatience

2.7. Because of the punishments of it

**III. Use: Let us not tempt God**

1. Not by requiring new grounds of faith when God hath given sufficient already

2. Do not run into any kind of willful and known sin to try God's patience

3. When sorely distressed, wait upon God

3.1. Let your heart be deeply possessed with apprehensions of the goodness of God

3.2. Be firmly persuaded of God's care and providence

3.3. Let all of this produce in you a holy obstinacy of trust and obedience