



Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11

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Temptation

- When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it
- *Genesis 3:6 & 7*



And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil

- Matthew 6:13



God is our.....

Rescuer

Deliverer

Defender

Protector



Baptism

Declaration

Confirmation

Anticipation



BUT.....

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,”
declares the LORD.
9 “For as the heavens are higher
than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your
ways
And My thoughts than your
thoughts.**



The Reality

Led by the Spirit

Preparation

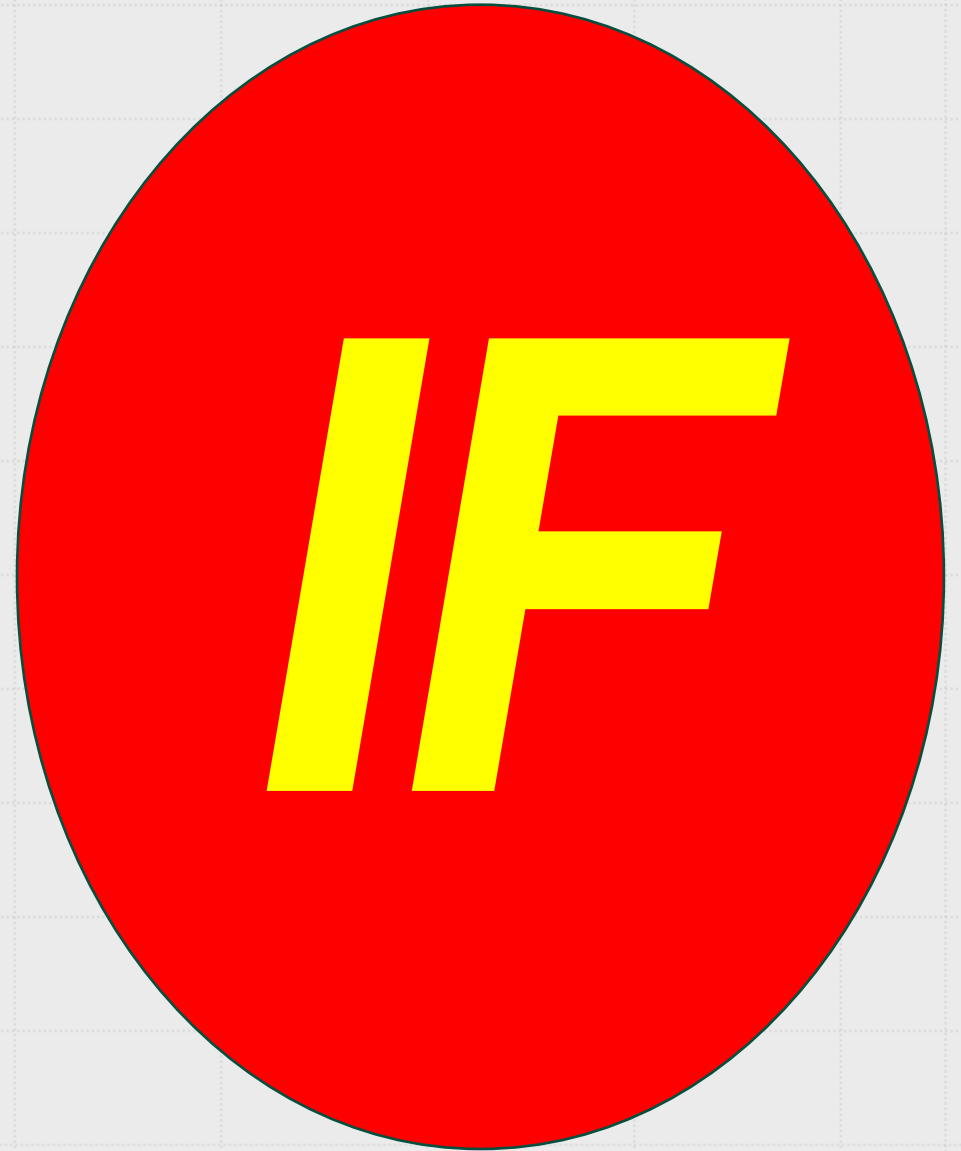
Hardship before the testing

Every temptation
starts with

v3 If you are the Son of God.....

V6 If you are the Son of God.....


V9 If You fall down and worship me



The Three Temptations

- Bread – Needs
- Safety – Protection – Value
- Power – Treasure – Wealth





- “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written: ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”

- If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written:

‘HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU’; and ‘ON *THEIR* HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP,

SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “[b]On the other hand, it is written: ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’”

- “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and [c]worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus *said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND [d]SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

The Abuse & Power of Scripture

- Satan used scripture to strengthen his argument/position
 - Isolated verse
- Jesus rebuked with scripture
 - Consistent with the principles and revelation of God
- Read before & after the scripture
- Read all of scripture
- Put the pieces together
- Test - Discernment

And us....

- [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

No **temptation** has overtaken you except *something* common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the **temptation** will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

- [Mark 14:38](#)

Keep watching and praying, so that you will not come into **temptation**; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

- [James 1:2](#)

Consider it all joy, my brothers *and sisters*, when you encounter various **trials**,



God is faithful

11 Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and *began to serve* Him.



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