

Beating Temptation

Matthew 4:3-11

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Biblical Premise

- To understand our enemy and his tactics as well as our own areas of weakness so we can stand against the schemes of the devil and walk in holiness.

Bible Study Tip

- Chapter divisions and verses were added later to help us find our way around in the scriptures.

This is a pattern that you will recognize in your life.

- The enemy attacks after victories.

Why?

- The purpose of the Spirit leading Jesus into the wilderness was to be tempted.

Defining Terms

“To be Tempted”: Means to trap, or entice
We’d say,

- Temptation is the desire to meet a God given need, in an ungodly way.

Who Tempted Jesus?

- The Devil

Defining Terms

- “Devil”: We get our English word diabolical, its root means to slander or accuse.
- “Schemes”: Methodologies.

Some Facts

- Satan is not omniscient.
- Satan is not omnipresent.
- Know Satan is an excellent student of humanities patterns.

The Patterns

- Lust of the flesh.
- Lust of the eyes.
- Pride of possessions.

Jesus First Temptation

- Casting doubt on what the Father has said.

Three Ways To Beat Temptation

1. Understanding we all want to feel something.
 - Your identity changes, then your activity.
2. Understanding we all want to be something.
3. Understand we all want to have something.