Dealing With Tempation

Leon Mauldin · Matthew 4:1–11 · Series: **Becoming More Like Jesus**

INTRODUCTION

- The truth is that what we revere, we resemble. We become what we worship.
- A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.
- Jesus was tempted in all points, like as we are, yet without sin.

1 Command That These Stones Become Bread

Matthew 4:2–4; Deuteronomy 8:3; Job 13:15

- If you're the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.
- The real issue is can you trust God to sustain you?
- Our service to God is not based on comfort. Our service to God should be not based on convenience. Our service to God must be based on conviction.
- It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
- He made use of the word of God to deal with Satan's temptation.

2 Cast Yourself Down From the Pinnacle

Matthew 4:5–7; Psalm 91; Deuteronomy 6:16

- What is sacred means nothing to Satan.
- There's a difference in quoting the scripture and knowing the scripture.
- We do not show our trust in God by jumping off a cliff. We show our trust in God by doing what he said.
- He's letting scripture interpret scripture.
- Never ever reach a conclusion on a passage that ignores the context or conflicts with other passages. Truth is harmonious.

3 All These Things I Will Give You

Matthew 4:8–10; John 18:36; John 8:44

- All these things I will give you if you will fall down and worship me.
- You can be sure that Satan is not going to put a temptation out there that's not a real temptation.
- You will have to suffer unspeakably for a spiritual kingdom. But an earthly one can be yours without any suffering.
- My kingdom is made up of people that hear my voice.
- Satan is always promising something he cannot give.
- It is God that rules in the kingdoms of men.

4 We Must Resist Satan Just as Jesus Did

Hebrews 4:15; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 4:16

- What we must do if we are to be like Jesus is we must resist Satan. We must resist him by appealing to Scripture, just as Jesus did.
- It's not a sin to be tempted.
- Don't yield to temptation. Always look for that way of escape.
- The way we know that is not because we're so strong, it's because God is so faithful.
- When we resist Satan as Jesus did, he will flee.
- What we must determine to do is make no compromise with evil, no matter what is promised, and have that same resolve that our Lord did.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **It is imperative that each one of us here regard ourselves as pupils that are learning from Jesus.**

MY NOTES