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New Testament 1

Law/Gospel

The devil tempts me, and I often give in. **In Christ, God forgives my sin, provides all that I need for this life and the next, and gives me power to overcome temptation.**

Bible Words

[Jesus] has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Hebrews 4:15

Quotable

“To have Jesus distrust, forsake, or misuse his Sonship is the aim of the temptations.”

Arthur A. Just Jr.

Luke 1:1–9:50, Concordia Commentary, p. 171.
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The Temptation of Jesus

Luke 4:1–13

After Jesus’ Baptism, the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness, where He fasted for forty days.

Then Satan tempted Jesus with three offers, each intended to derail God’s plan for our salvation. If successful, Satan would win the battle for our souls, as Jesus satisfied His hunger, enjoyed His power, and proved His divine nature.

Satan first tempted Jesus by suggesting He turn a stone into bread. Satan misjudged. Jesus, with divine willpower and purpose, chose hunger for our good. He didn’t then or ever use His divine power for personal gain.

Next, Satan said if Jesus would worship him, all the kingdoms of the world would become His. Again, the devil misjudged. Soon enough, God the Father would subject all things to Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:27).

Finally, Satan taunted Jesus as the Son of God, daring Him to throw Himself from the pinnacle of the temple and show the people a spectacular rescue by angels. Again, Satan misjudged.

Dramatic rescue was not in Jesus’ plan. Later, when soldiers came to arrest Him, Jesus reminded Peter He could appeal to His Father, who would at once send more than twelve legions of angels (Matthew 26:53). Instead, Jesus died so that we might live.

In each temptation, the devil lied, twisted God’s Word, and made promises he couldn’t keep. Jesus refused to accept Satan’s easy road. He knew our salvation depended on His suffering, death, and resurrection.

In resisting the devil, Jesus won a victory that He finalized on Calvary’s cross and the empty tomb of Easter. If He had avoided suffering and accepted the glory, we would have been condemned for eternity.

Prayer

Faithful Lord, don’t allow us to be tempted beyond our abilities, but provide a way of escape, so that we may endure. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

(Based on 1 Corinthians 10:13)