

Be Prepared for Temptation
Matthew 4:1-11, Pew Bible p. 809
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I. The Setting for Jesus' Temptation (V. 1-2)

- A. God-ordained location
- B. God-ordained situation

II. Being Prepared for Temptation (V. 3-11)

A. **Temptation 1:** Satisfying yourself apart from God.

- 1. Being prepared for temptation means being satisfied in God alone.

B. **Temptation 2:** Putting God to the test.

- 1. Being prepared for temptation means trusting God and His Word.

C. **Temptation 3:** Worshiping anyone or anything but God.

- 1. Being prepared for temptation means constant obedience to God alone.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 4:1-11.
2. In this text we see the Spirit leading the Son into the desert to be tempted by Satan. Knowing God is in charge, what's the whole point of Jesus being tempted in the first place?
3. The first temptation is one which Satan tempts Christ to provide for Himself rather than waiting on the Father. In what ways have you taken matters into your own hands rather than waiting on God?
4. The second temptation is one which Satan tempts Christ to put God to the test. Have you ever tried to manipulate God or get Him to do something by creating a situation in which you try to force Him to act?
5. The third temptation is about worship. Satan would have us worship/serve anything or anyone but God. What is the relationship between worshipping God and obedience to God (Genesis 22)?
6. Read Matthew 16:21-23. Like verse 10 of our text, Jesus rebukes Satan. What are the similarities between verses 9-10 of our text and Matthew 16:21-23 that caused Jesus to respond that way?
7. Pray for our church members to be prepared for temptation by being satisfied in God alone, trusting God and His Word alone, and worshipping God through obeying Him alone.

1 Corinthians 10:12-14 (ESV)

¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- CANCELED this week due to the Mexico Mission Trip Presentation.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); and V. family (Ashley & Jesse); Michelle LaM. (son)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gary & Betty B. (her sister); and Dick & Peggy T. (nephew)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health); Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Kelly J. (health); Debbie P. (health); Debbie B. (health); Marge D. (health); Rita H. (health); Mimi M. (health); Laura M. (health); April H.-F. (upcoming treatments); Helene D. (eyes/shoulders); Peggy T. (physical therapy); Michelle LaM. (awaiting test results); Kathy W. (heart & other health concerns); Sue J. (pain); Ken R. (kidney stone issues & infection); Ann C.-W. (headaches & vertigo); Dick T. (health); Sherri O. (surgery recovery); Matthew M. (job loss); and Jeff S. (health issues & upcoming surgery)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.