

ADDED NOTES

THE TEMPTATION OF THE MESSIAH

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(Matthew 4:1-11)

YOU CAN OVERCOME TEMPTATION

INTRODUCTION: If you are a Christian here this morning then you are involved in the greatest of all conflicts. Donald Grey Barnhouse calls it the "Invisible War"; Hal Lindsey titles it, "The Angelic Conflict"; Ted Rendal stated that when a person is "born again they are born for battle"; others have identified this raging battle as, "The Conflict of the Ages". No matter what we call it, it is evident that we have an unseen enemy; an enemy who plays for keeps. One tactic he uses against the Lord's people is that of temptation - a solicitation to step out of God's purposes, plans, and will to walk in one's own way seeking to please self. Every last one of us is tempted - all of us have been casualties at one time or another - and some of us more often than we would like to admit. As long as we live in this fallen world there will be temptation. Only on the other side of the grave will we experience 100% freedom from temptation. Satan is desperate and going all out to destroy the witness of God's people and His Church. All that being said, as I read my Bible; as I continue in the study of the life of Christ I must conclude that Christians can overcome temptation. "*GOD DOES NOT MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIS CHILDREN TO SIN, BUT HE DOES MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIS CHILDREN NOT TO SIN.*" (UNKNOWN)

THE FIRST TEMPTATION AND RESPONSE...verses 3-4

A. THE TEMPTER'S WORDS

"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

▶ Doubt God's _____ and _____

B. THE LORD'S RESPONSE

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'."

▶ There is only _____ plan and that is _____ plan
Therefore I will _____ and _____ Him alone

THE SECOND TEMPTATION AND RESPONSE...verses 5-7

A. THE TEMPTER'S WORDS

"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over You.' and, 'In their hands they shall bear You up, lest You dash Your foot against a stone.' "

▶ Trust God _____ and _____

B. THE LORD'S RESPONSE

"It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God'."

▶ God's Word is _____ - to be _____ as I do His will
not to be _____ recklessly as I do my own will.

THE THIRD TEMPTATION AND RESPONSE...verses 8-10

A. THE TEMPTER'S WORDS

"All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me."

▶ Doubt God's _____ and _____

B. THE LORD'S RESPONSE

"Away with you Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

▶ There is only _____ plan and that is _____ plan
Therefore I will _____ and _____ Him alone