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THE ROAD TO VICTORY



Jon or Julie READ Matthew 4:1-11

Video of Mat. 4:1-11

FLOW... THE CONTEXT & PARALLELS -
THE QUESTIONS - THE REALITIES - THE
TEMPTATIONS - THE OUTCOME

PARALLELS FROM OT:

[POWERFUL OT TIES to Matthew 4]

****Gen. 3 - the 1st Adam was Tempted by food... the 2nd Adam (Jesus) will also first be tempted by food.**

****Jesus will STAND where Adam FELL...**

****God's son "Israel" (Ex. 4:22) being led through the wilderness for 40 years...**

tested and tempted... then Promise Land!

****God's son "Jesus" in the wilderness for 40 days... tested and tempted... then Public Ministry!**

Duet. 6 & 8 are specifically referencing Israel's temptation in the wilderness – and God's Words to them!

****Jesus Baptism - Israel's Baptism... red sea
- 1Cor. 10:2**

1Co 10:1-2 (NIV)

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

2 They were all **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and **in the sea**.

Two Questions...

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1. Does God tempt us?

QUESTIONS:

Does God Tempt us... NO!

Lead by the Spirit... TEMPTED by the Devil... (James 1:13)

Satan is subordinate to evil... and we are tested by God who is sovereign for good!
Tempted by Satan (who is evil)...tested by God (who is good)

Satan is subordinate to evil and tempts people towards destruction.

God is sovereign for good and transforms His people through the tests of life towards delight.

****Examples... Job!**

Paul - thorn in flesh (tempting towards evil... used for a test for good in Paul's life for his reliance on God).

We also know from the story of Job that Satan is on a leash!

God allows satan to tempt (for evil)... that God can sovereignly use for good!

Joseph's story...

Gen 50:20 (NIV)

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Two Questions...

1. Does God tempt us?
2. Could Jesus have sinned?

Could Jesus have SINNED? *take a poll...

NO...and YES...

Jesus is FULLY man and FULLY God

There are NO new temptations that are not common to man (1Cor. 10:13)...

Jesus overcame all of them (Hebrews 4)

1Co 10:13 (NIV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you
except what is common to mankind...

Heb 4:15 (NIV)

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have **one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.**

Think about this... who do you love most in this world?

Could you murder that person?
Absolutely NOT...

but yet, yes - we could physically do that. CRAZY.

3 Realities...

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1. There is a spiritual world.

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Devil is real and active - this world is just as real as the physical world we sit in right now.

Empty Rationalism (there is no enemy) /
Excessive Radicalism (enemy hiding in every bush)...

3 Realities...

1. There is a spiritual world.
2. We are involved in a spiritual war.

We are involved in a Spiritual War...
2 Kingdoms Light / Dark, Good / Evil, God /
Satan

Conflicting Kingdoms that create conflict in
every day of our life!

Heaven and Hell hang in the balance
All of History is spiritual warfare

3 Realities...

1. There is a spiritual world.
2. We are involved in a spiritual war.
3. In the war, we are fighting BOTH
macro and micro battles.

Macro (Cosmic battle)

Micro (Personal battle)

“You are on the verge of wrecking your life and you don’t even know it” - chapter in Russell Moore's book...

Dr. Russell Moore wrote a book called *Tempted & Tried*. In one of the chapters in that book, Dr. Moore has a subtitle: “You are on the verge of wrecking your life, especially if you don’t know it.” And that is true. And he uses a rather descriptive illustration of cows being led to the slaughter. If you are vegetarian - I apologize...but this is probably part of why you are vegetarian - LOL...



Russell D. Moore

TEMPTED
and
TRIED

TEMPTATION
and the
TRIUMPH of CHRIST



“For a long time, cattle workers would forcefully push and prod cows into the slaughter house. For good reason, the cows would resist and the whole operation would be extremely difficult to carry out until one specific scientist came along and said, ‘No, no, no. The way to slaughter cows is to make them feel like everything is great as they enter into the slaughterhouse. Keep the scenery the same as it is in the most peaceful moments in the cow’s life.’

“The scientist began to experiment, not with prodding cows off a truck, but by leading them quietly onto a ramp, where they walk through a squeeze shoot—a gentle pressure device designed to mimic a mother’s nuzzling touch. Then the cattle continue down the ramp onto a smoothly curbing path. No sudden turns. A path designed to give the cows a sense that they are going home.

And as they mosey along the path, they don't even notice then their hooves are no longer touching the ground. A conveyor belt slowly, gradually lifts them upward and then, in the twinkling of an eye, a blunt instrument levels a surgical strike right between their eyes. They're transitioned from livestock to meat and they're never aware enough to even be alarmed by any of it.”

And I share that to make as clear as possible to you, that there are forces in play at this very moment that are working to lure you to a place that you should not be. To use Russell Moore's warning, "you are on the verge of wrecking your life, especially if you don't know it." Please understand this truth. Please, be aware that one wrong look, one inappropriate meeting, one rash decision, one fleeting moment could wreak spiritual havoc on your life, your family, this church, and bring untold disgrace on your God.

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1. Self Gratification... (Mat. 4:3-4)

Self Gratification - satisfy your desires NOW
(so applicable to each of us)...

Our desires are to be fulfilled in a way that
honors God and His way (guidelines).

Testing of the heart to trust the goodness
and sufficiency of God.

Even our “good desires” satan takes and TEMPTS you in... to fulfill them the way you want and when you want!

**I will sin if I don't get it... or I'll sin to get it. (James 4)

Eating - nourishing our bodies... turns into undisciplined excessive Overeating – comfort

Sleep - to restore our bodies... turns into excessive Laziness & Apathy - which also leads to an indifference / idleness of your mind/spirit.

Sex - a gift to enjoy and to give to your husband or wife, to honor God and create life...

turns into a SELF centered action for selfish pleasure that actually dishonors God and often does NOT produce life (physical or spiritual).

****Pornography, Homosexuality,
Adultery & Lust - I will seek my own
pleasures, outside of God's
design...(sin)**

**We are tempted to fulfill our WANTS
instead of God's WILL...**

****1000's upon 1000's of examples!**

The 3 Temptations:

1. Self Gratification... (Mat. 4:3-4)
2. Self Protection... (Mat. 4:5-7)

Satan quoting from Psalm 91 (crazy how much the Devil knows Scripture - but twists the truth for evil - need to be aware of that!)...

prove that God will be faithful for you...

“if you do this... surely God will protect you”.. Thinking Faith is only found in God doing something for us.

Have to catch this...satan took Jesus to the
“holy city - the highest point of the
temple”...WHAT DID THE TEMPLE
REPRESENT? God's Presence & Protection!

Jesus knew he had NO reason to test the
Father because He knew who his father
was!! Jesus says over and over in Matthew
don't worry... God will take care of you.

The 3 Temptations:

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2. Self Protection... (Mat. 4:5-7)
3. Self Exaltation... (Mat. 4:8-10)

Self Exaltation –

you can have everything now... WITHOUT
having to walk the difficult path.

Same thing the Devil whispers in your ear
and mind.

Look at all the ‘things’ of the world that you
can have... verse humble, difficult
obedience.

“Worth” or “Worship”...

PRIDE...root of ALL our rebellion!

“I don’t struggle with pride”...sounds like you are proud of that. LOL!

“If you are the Son of God...”

The enemy is attacking Jesus Sonship!

****His identity / OUR Identity!**

Tie between temptation and sonship
(Identity)...

If you are the son...

Satan deceives who we are (in Christ) and
deceives us on who God is (Father or Foe)

No coincidence that some of the last words
Jesus heard on the cross... "if you are the
son of God..."

****You cannot conquer temptation... but with Christ IN you... you are more than conquerors!**

****WE MIGHT FIGHT OUR BATTLE FOR 40 DAYS, 40 YEARS, OR A LIFE TIME... BUT WE FIGHT THEM THE EXACT WAY JESUS DID IN THE WILDERNESS... HOLDING ONTO THE GOODNESS AND SUFFICIENCY OF GOD AND KNOWING HIS WORD - TRUTH!!**

****THE BREAD OF THE DEVIL ALWAYS
LEADS TO DESTRUCTION... NEVER
DELIGHT!!**

**If you FIGHT... the Devil will FLEE - AND...
Angels will attend you! **[Kayla - Kadan]**

**However... if you are Apathetic... the Devil
will Advance!**

All 3 times we see satan twisting scripture/truth to deceive, distract & discourage Jesus - Jesus fights the twisting of truth with the understanding of truth!!

He knows the Word of God... He trusts the Word of God... He will not deviate from the Word of God.

God ALWAYS provides a way out!!

(1Cor. 10...)

1Co 10:13 (NIV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And **God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear**. But **when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.**

And VICTORY is His!! And Victory is OURS!!

Jesus has saved you **FROM** your **Sin...**

AND

Jesus has saved you **FOR** your **Sanctification!**

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