

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 12-31-23
Christianity 102 – Message 33 Part 1
“Jesus resisted satan’s temptations”

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Why was Jesus baptized?
- 2) Did Jesus depend upon the Holy Spirit?
- 3) When a person is saved, how much of the Holy Spirit do they receive?

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Battles seem easier to fight when you can see that you are not alone.
- 2) The strategic plan of the enemy is to isolate you.
- 3) What battle are we talking about here? The battle with temptation.
- 4) Teaching through the temptation in the wilderness is a good reminder of the importance of memorizing scripture. Would you be willing to memorize these verses?
 - a) Psalm 119:9-11 -

2. Jesus, led by the Spirit to be tempted.

a. Why was this necessary?

- 1) What do we know from our study?
- 2) Verse 1 – Do you think this was a battle that satan desired?
- 3) Verse 2 – This provides for us a timeline. 40 days.
 - a) The battle didn’t start on day 40 but was actually every day.
 - b) When the enemy perceived Jesus to be at His weakest, he attacked Him openly.
- 4) Application – While we are tempted relentlessly each day, it only takes one follow through on a temptation to begin a series of destructive steps that –

b. “To be tempted” – Matthew 4:1

- 1) “tempted” – an examination, proving, to test or to try.
- 2) Jesus was tempted so that you and I, every angel, satan and all of his demons would see and know that Jesus Christ is the Conqueror.
- 3) Hebrews 2:16-18 -
 - a) “succour” – to immediately run to the cry of help to assist, relieve those who are being tempted, tested and tried.
- 4) Hebrews 4:15-16 –
- 5) The victory in the wilderness was Jesus the God man.
 - a) “Man shall not live by bread alone...”
 - b) The enemy tempted Jesus to use His divine power.
- 6) Resisting temptation involves the will.
- 7) How does temptation work?
 - a) James 1:13-15 –

c. The Tempter – the devil:

- 1) Lucifer, of his own free will chose to rebel against God so that he could assume the throne and rule.
- 2) The enemy of God, satan, is known by many names:
 - a) He is called the accuser of the brethren, Rev. 12:10. Our adversary, the devil in I Peter 5:8. The father of lies in John 8:44, a murderer in John 8:44. The power of the air, Eph. 2:2 and

the ruler of the darkness of this world Eph. 6:12. The tempter in Matt 4:3 and I Thess. 3:5. the god of this world. In II Cor. 4:4 and other descriptions that the Bible gives that show us that he, satan, is not out for our good but our destruction.

d. Fasting 40 days and nights. Matthew 4:2

1) Is it Biblical?

2) Spiritually speaking why?

3. Today's Take Away:

a. While temptation is meant to destroy your view of and walk with God it ironically can also teach you that God is real and true to His Word if you will deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Him.

b. Temptation is real, it is continuous, and it can draw you in.