

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 2-4-24
Christianity 102 – Message 33 Part 3
“Jesus resisted satan’s temptations.”

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Equipping the Body at Southside in 2024 for
 - a) Equip you in your walk with the Lord.
 - b) Equip you for the 7 relationships you function in every day.
 - c) Equip you for the ministry God has led you in or is preparing you for.
- 2) Each time you study or hear the Word of God, ask yourself:
 - a) How does this apply to my walk with the Lord?
 - b) How does this apply to the 7 relationships I function in every day.
 - c) How does this apply to the ministry God has led me to or is preparing me for.
- 3) The battle with trials and temptations is real and James helps us with wisdom.
 - a) Verse 12 – “**endureth**” – to endure, to bear bravely, calmly.
 - b) Verse 13 – God does not tempt man with evil.
 - c) Verse 14 - We are tempted to sin when we are lured by our own lust (desires), “**enticed**” by the bait that attracts us but also hides the fallout and consequences of that sin.
 - d) Verse 15 – “**when lust hath conceived**” – impulse you indulge in –
- 4) James encourages us to ask God for wisdom.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) It takes time to lay foundational reminders.

2. Does God really care about you? Temptation 1

a. New Day but same old trick. **Matthew 4:3**

- 1) Doubt – sometimes temptation takes the path of trying to create doubt –
- 2) How did the temptation in the Garden begin?

b. He tempts Jesus to use His divine power:

- 1) Sometimes we allow circumstances to dictate our decision instead of following –
- 2) This temptation brings out what we often fight – the battle of our will and wants versus –
- 3) Jesus wasn’t to use His power to satisfy His own needs but that of others.
- 4) If you feel you are in the wilderness and you are starving – what do you do?
 - a) **II Peter 1:6** – “**patience**” – Maybe God is trying to teach you –

c. Application:

- 1) “Man shall not live by bread alone...” – How do you learn that? HUNGER!
- 2) You learn as you walk.
 - a) The enemy tempts you with doubt to create doubt so that you will act independently.

d. Jesus’ response to satan:

- 1) “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
 - a) Deuteronomy 8:1-6 –
 - b) It might be wise to contemplate the truths of Psalm 119:9-11.

e. Don’t be deceived:

- 1) The enemy is real. He is not your friend, your confidant, your comforter, your helper nor your source of wisdom.

3. Jesus, are you ready to jump? Temptation 2 – Matthew 4:5-7
 - a. **Important to note here:**
 - b. What did he say?
 - 1) We move from the wilderness to the holy city.
 - 2) Look closely at what satan said. Verse 6 –
 - a) Psalm 91:11-12 –
 - b) What did he omit? “in all Thy ways”
 - 3) What was behind this suggestion of satan? Let’s test His –
 - a) Malachi 3:1 –
 - 4) Principle – A believer is protected by the Lord when they are following God’s will.
 - 5) I John 2:16 – these patterns of temptation are common to all people. I Cor. 10:13.
 - c. What is deadly about pride?
 - 1) Solomon wrote about the problem of pride:
 - a) Proverbs 8:13 –
 - b) Proverbs 11:2 –
 - c) Proverbs 13:10 –
 - d) Proverbs 16:18 –
 - e) Proverbs 29:23 –
 - 2) Pride is something that God hates. Proverbs 6:16-17
 - 3) Jesus responded to the devil –
4. Today’s Take Away:
 - a. Have you been tempted to doubt God in anyway?
 - b. Have you been tempted to allow pride to control your thoughts, words and actions?