

From Temptation to Blessing - Part II

Review

Temptation is a test: my way or His way.

In our spiritual walk/journey, we need to trust Him.

Eve and Israel doubted God's provision. God is _____.

But God continues to respond to human failure with patience, provision, discipline, and _____.

Jesus overcame: He trusted God's word and will for his life.

We need to trust God's will, move through and past temptation, to fulfill God's purpose for our lives so we become a blessing to others.

Eve in the Garden: Genesis 2:16-17 and 3:1-6

God has already provided abundance, purpose, and _____.

True wisdom comes through trusting God.

The Temptation:

When we choose self-determination over _____ in God's plan.

When we believe fulfillment was being withheld.

When we desire wisdom apart from obedience.

Pleasing to the eye. Is it bad to desire or want knowledge?

Proverbs 9:10 "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____."

Proverbs 3:13-16 Desire Wisdom, she is a tree of _____.

The Real Problem: The temptation narrowed Eve's vision until abundance faded away.

A relationship of obedience became something that felt restrictive and oppressive.

The forbidden tree became the focus/distraction.

Satan is a _____.

Deception and doubt can throw us off track.

The Result: Sin introduced guilt, shame, fear, alienation, and death into the human experience.

Humanity began to establish its own standards of good and _____.

Humanity began to create their own false sources of security, identity, and power and deceive others in the process.

God is faithful: God gives the first promise of redemption, the hint of God's plan to defeat evil, and _____ humanity.

Israel and the Golden Calf - Exodus 32:1-6 Trusting God requires patience and faith.

We must _____ the invisible - Hebrew 11:1

_____ the unbelievable - Habakkuk 1:5

_____ the impossible - Matthew 19:26

The temptation: What are we going to do?

Some began to trust a visible system over a relationship with the unseen God.

Some began to demand certainty instead of faith and _____.

Some began to manipulate others to gain power.

The Result:

Worship became a spectacle and humanly manufactured religious experience in God's name.

Production replaced Gods _____.

Celebrity replaced _____,

Emotional experience replaced letting God transform us into His image.

Metrics replaced _____.

Control and manipulation replaced _____ on God.

God is faithful:

Moses receives the instruction for proper worship with plans for a Tabernacle and system of governance, with the _____.

The Wilderness Temptation - Luke 4:5-8

Key Truths: Jesus' path required humbling himself and becoming obedient to death on the cross.

(Philippians 2:6-11)

God's Kingdom is characterized by righteousness and justice, humility and servanthood, love and _____.

The Temptation: All Kingdoms of the World

A shortcut to power without _____, glory without obedience, and kingship without the cross.

The Result: Jesus does not take power, he becomes a _____ leader.

Jesus becomes a blessing through following God's plan for redemption. Salvation is now open to all through his sacrifice.

An Example For Us: deny myself, take up my cross, and follow _____.