

Into Temptation

What Causes Us to Fall?

James 1 p.1848

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Temptation is something that leads to breaking God's law (AKA: His Word)

14 But every man is tempted, **when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.** ★

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. ★

1 John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**

Romans 7

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known **lust**, except the law had said, **Thou shalt not covet.**

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An Epic Fail

Genesis 3 p.6

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman,

Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food,**

and that it was pleasant to the eyes,

and a tree to be desired to make one wise,

she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And **the eyes of them both were opened,** and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, **The woman** whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, **The serpent** beguiled me, and I did eat.

punishment for all involved ensues

blessings taken away & curses given

22 And the LORD God said, **Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil:** and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

The Perfect Pass

Genesis 39 p.55

1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and **Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard,** an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that **the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake;** and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. **And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.**

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife **cast her eyes upon Joseph;** and she said, **Lie with me.**

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: **how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?** **230+ yrs before 10 commandments proof of God's laws in effect**

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, **that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.**

11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. **sent to prison for keeping the Word of God**

21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

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I Corinthians 10 p.1712

11 **Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition,** upon whom the ends of the world are come. ★

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man:** but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; **but will with the temptation also make a way to escape,** that ye may be able to bear it.

Matthew 26 p.1373

40 And He (Jesus) cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with **me** one hour?

41 **Watch and pray,** that ye enter not into temptation: **the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.** ★

spirit over flesh
(AKA: **mind over matter**)

Matthew 6 p.1319

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, **They have their reward.**

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Father - thank you for your Word

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

help me do your Word

Give us this day our daily bread.

help me understand your Word

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

forgive me for going against your Word

And lead us **not into temptation**, but deliver us from evil:

keep me out of trouble and in your Word

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

in Jesus name - Amen

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Revelation 3 p.1888

10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience,** I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. ★

James 1:12
Blessed is the man that **endureth** temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

11 Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Conclusion

Our **OWN** flesh desires + the deceitfulness of sin lead us into temptation. **PRAYER + DISCIPLINE** in the **WORD** lead us out.

Isaiah 62