

Temptation

Lesson 5
Jesus In Gethsemane

Introduction

- Study of temptation important so we might be able to overcome sinful desires and actions and not feel comfortable in them
- Christians must seek to endure temptation through self-control by placing our mind and body under God's control
- Self-control is God's way of escape
- When we fail, we choose to take Satan's bait by practicing sinful desires and behavior

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Introduction

- Studying temptation will help us view Jesus in proper way not accusing Him of having sinful desires
- Jesus resisted all Satan's temptations by thinking and doing what was right according to the Father's will
- In Gethsemane also, Jesus never wavered from desire to do God's will even to point of death, no divided will on part of Jesus when facing the cross

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Jesus In Gethsemane

Jesus always determined to do the Father's will

Jesus always determined to go to the cross
Did Jesus conflict with the Father at Gethsemane?

Jesus our perfect example to follow
What do we do when we sin?

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Jesus Always Determined To Do The Father's Will

Joh 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Joh 4:34 Jesus *said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

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Jesus Always Determined To Do The Father's Will

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

Jesus was subject to human condition but never expressed sinful desires or behavior

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Jesus Always Determined To Go To The Cross

- Jesus never wavered from going to the cross even in Gethsemane
- He willingly went to the cross to complete the Father's will
- Never divided about doing the Father's will
- Satan's assault against Jesus' will never stopped but Jesus always resisted him

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Jesus Always Determined To Go To The Cross

Mat 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

Mat 16:22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

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Jesus Always Determined To Go To The Cross

Mat 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

Luk 9:22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

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Joh 10:17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

Joh 10:18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

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Joh 12:23 And Jesus *answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Joh 12:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Joh 12:25 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.

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Joh 12:26 "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

Joh 12:27 "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

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Did Jesus Conflict With The Father At Gethsemane?

- Many have taught Jesus displayed a desire not to do the Father's will in Gethsemane
- They claim because He was tempted like us He showed the same desire of hesitating to go to the cross as any of us would have done
- Although Jesus was subject to all human weakness, He never lied or changed His mind about the cross

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Paul Willing To Face Death But Jesus Was Not?

2Ti 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

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Jesus In Gethsemane

Mat 26:36 Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Mat 26:37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

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Mat 26:38 Then He *said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

Mat 26:39 And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

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Jesus In Gethsemane

- What was the cup? Was it the cross? No!
- Cup was a grievous sorrow to the point of death
- Not sure why Jesus was made sorrowful but the Father answered His prayer by sending an angel to strengthen Him
- Jesus was not asking the Father to take away the cross

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The Father Answered Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer

Luk 22:43 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

Luk 22:44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

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The Father Answered Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer

Heb 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

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Jesus Our Perfect Example To Follow

- Through His obedience, He became an obedient Son, perfect sacrifice and our heavenly high priest
- Jesus our perfect example to follow hiding Word in our hearts that we may resist temptation as He did
- But, when we do sin, we repent and confess that we might be cleansed by His blood

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Heb 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Heb 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

Heb 5:10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Jesus Our Perfect Example To Follow

1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

1Pe 2:22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

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Jesus Our Perfect Example To Follow

1Pe 2:23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

Psa 119:11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

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What Do We Do When We Sin?

1Jn 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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