

Sermon Notes

Temptation - 1Cor 10:13

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I. Introduction

- a. temptation is universal... everyone faces it... started in Garden... any idea what tempts us most... depends slightly on age... but #1 and 2 are worry and procrastination...
Gen 3:1-7... “*did God really say... Eve took some fruit and ate it... gave to Adam...*”
1Tim 6:3-10... “*temptation... a trap... foolish and harmful desire... leads to ruin and destruction...*”
Jam 1:14-15... “*tempted... drawn away; enticed by evil desire... gives birth to death...*”
- b. let’s establish this first about temptation... it’s never from God...
Matt 4:1... “*Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil...*”
Luke 4:2-13... “*be tempted by the devil... after the devil finished every temptation...*”
1Cor 7:5... “*satan may tempt you because of your lack of self-control...*”
Gal 6:1... “*if another is overcome by sin... gently restore... careful not to be tempted...*”
1Thess 3:5... “*sent Timothy to check your faith... fearing the tempter had tempted you...*”
Jam 1:13... “*when you are tempted, do not say *God is tempting me*... He never tempts anyone...”
peirazo... *make trial or test for the purpose of ascertaining someone’s quality; to test one’s faith, virtue, or character; to inflict evil upon one in order to prove his character or faith...**
- c. if everyone goes thru temptation... is there any hope to be victorious... pray...
1Cor 10:13... “*no temptation has seized you except what is common to man... God is faithful... He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability... provide a way out so you may be able to bear it...*”

II. Temptation

- a. temptation is not a sin... Jesus was tempted, but did not sin... understands how to help...
Heb 2:17-18... “*like us in every way... since He was tempted... help us when tempted...*”
Heb 4:15... “*Jesus... tempted in every way as we are... yet without sin...*”
1Pet 2:22... “*He did not commit sin... no deceit was found in His mouth...*”
- b. want to be victorious over sin... sin starts with temptation... it must be dealt with first... both are defeated by growing in grace... when you do that... transformation happens... habits, addictions, temptations lose their grip... grace reshapes desires... walk in victory...
Acts 13:43... “*Paul urged them to continue in the grace of God...*”
Rom 5:21... “*just as sin reigned in death... grace will reign thru righteousness...*”
Rom 6:1-15... “*should we continue in sin so grace may multiply... absolutely not... how can we who died to sin still live in it... sin will not rule because you are not under law, but under grace...*”
- c. grace doesn’t lead to temptation and sin... it’s how we’re victorious over it...
Rom 5:20... “*where sin multiplied... grace multiplied exceedingly beyond measure...*”
Rom 6:6-12... “*old self was crucified with Him... person who has died is freed from sin... death no longer rules... consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God... don’t let sin have authority or be in control of your body... so you obey it’s desires/temptations...*”
- d. temptation begins with exposure... leads to thoughts, feelings, actions... takes hold when sin inside us responds to it... if you consider yourself dead to sin you won’t respond...
Prov 4:23... “*above all else, guard your heart... everything you do flows from it...*”
Gal 6:5-8... “*responsible for our own conduct... always harvest what you plant...*”
James 1:14... “*each person is tempted when he is drawn away by his own evil desires...*”

- e. why didn’t Jesus sin when tempted... because He had no evil desire in Him... so why did HS lead Him into desert to be tempted... not to see if He might sin... but to show He would not... not to reveal impurity... but to reveal flawless purity in fires of temptation...
Matt 4:1... “*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil...*”
Luke 4:14... “*Jesus went back to Galilee in the power of the Spirit...*”
Rom 8:3... “*came in likeness of human flesh... to be sin offering... to condemn sin...*”
- f. why does that matter... sin can be either verb or a noun...
Rom 3:23... “*for all have sinned (v-6) and fallen short of the glory of God...*”
Rom 4:7-8... “*blessed are those who sins (n) are forgiven... never charge with sin (n-39)...*”
- g. so what did Jesus die to... sin the verb or sin the noun... important to know this because we are told to see ourselves dead to sin in the same way Jesus died to sin...
Rom 6:7... “*when we died with Christ... we were set free from the power of sin (n)...*”
dikaioo... *to make righteous; declare to be righteous as he ought to be; acceptable to God...*
Rom 6:10-11... “*death He died, He died to sin (n) once... so you too consider yourselves dead to sin (n)... do not let sin (n) reign in your mortal body so you obey it’s desires...*”
- h. when you know you’re righteous... stand before God not partially forgiven, not maybe accepted... but completely cleansed... sanctified, holy, perfect forever in His sight... that truth becomes a turning point... the moment when sinful habits lose their hold on you...
Heb 10... “*sanctified thru offering of Jesus once for all time... after offering one sacrifice for sins (n) forever, He sat down... by one offering, He has perfected us forever...*”
- i. living free from temptation, bad habits, addictions starts with a guilt-free conscience...
Acts 13:39 AMP... “*everyone who believes in Him is freed from all guilt...*”
Rom 8:1... “*therefore, there is now no condemnation in Christ Jesus...*”
Rom 10:11... “*the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame...*”
- j. sin can’t be uprooted from your life until gsc of that sin is uprooted from your heart... most believers who struggle with repeated failures hate the things they do...
Rom 7:14-25... “*I don’t understand what I am doing... I don’t do what I want to do, but I do what I hate... I am no longer the one doing it, but it is sin (n) living in me... I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do... who will rescue me... Jesus...*”
- k. guilt, shame, condemnation do NOT prevent sin... grace and righteousness do...
Rom 6:15... “*since grace has set us free should we go on sinning (v)... absolutely not...*”
1Cor 15:33-34... “*bad company corrupts... awake to righteousness and sin (v) not...*”
- l. must first be delivered from sin the noun before you can be delivered from sin the verb... defeating temptation is not about correcting behavior... it’s about correcting belief...
Rom 5:19... “*thru the obedience of Christ... many will be made righteous...*”
Rom 6:16-18... “*slaves of sin (n) leading to death... slaves of obedience leading to righteousness... thank God you obeyed this teaching we have given you... set free from sin (n) into righteousness...*”
- m. highest form of obedience in NC is not your doing, but your believing...
John 6:28-29... “*the only work God wants from you is to believe in His Son...*”
Rom 1:5... “*grace brings about the obedience of faith...*”
1John 3:22-23... “*obey His commands... this is His command... believe in His Son...*”
- n. to be victorious over temptation... look to the cross... trust in finished work of Christ... gsc will melt away... power of sin (n,v) will loosen... truth will set you free... pray...
2Cor 5:17-21... “*not counting sins (n)... He became sin (n)... we become righteousness of God...*”
Heb 10:22... “*draw near with full assurance... hearts sprinkled clean from guilty conscience...*”
James 4:7... “*submit to God... resist the devil and he will flee... draw near to God...*”