

Two Temptations

1. Satan tempts Eve – Genesis 3:1-6 (3)
 - A. Satan prepared the way for temptation by getting Eve to believe that God was holding back something she wanted (needed) – 2 Corinthians 11:3 (1125)
 - 1) Satan is the deceiver – John 8:44 (1038)
 - B. Satan appealed to multiple attractions to get Eve to disobey God
 - 1) It satisfied an appetite or desire
 - 2) It looked good
 - 3) Eve believed it would give her wisdom
 - C. Eve drew Adam into her sin as well
 - D. Adam & Eve both proceeded to blame others, even God for their failure – Genesis 3:11-13 (3)
 - E. The consequences of their failure were enormous
 - 1) God placed a curse on man, woman and Satan – Genesis 3:14-19 (3)
 - 2) Sin and death were passed to all mankind – Romans 5:12 (1094)
2. Satan tempts Jesus – Matthew 4:1-11 (935)
 - A. Jesus repeatedly went back to God’s Word to combat temptation
 - 1) God’s Word is our greatest tool in combating sin – Psalms 119:9-11 (598)
 - B. Jesus recognized each of Satan’s lures and rejected them because they were inconsistent with what He knew to be true
 - 1) The temptation of physical needs and desires – “Satisfy your hunger”
 - 2) The temptation of power and pride – “Show who you are”
 - 3) The temptation of material things – “Worship me and I will give you everything”
 - C. The benefits of Jesus’ victory over temptation resulted in our salvation
 - 1) Jesus was tempted in every way that we are tempted – Hebrews 4:15 (1163)
 - 2) Because Jesus was sinless, He alone was able to take the punishment for our sins – 1 Peter 2:22-24 (1177)
 - 3) Through Christ, we are made righteous – Romans 5:19 (1094)
3. Lessons learned
 - A. Satan seeks to destroy us
 - 1) Temptation is a life and death struggle, we must take it seriously – 1 Peter 5:8 (1179)
 - B. We must prepare ourselves for temptation by being grounded in our relationship with God (more next week)
 - C. We must be prepared to do battle against a mighty enemy (more in two weeks)
 - D. The consequences of sin are wide-ranging and long-lasting. Sin’s pleasure is short-lived – Hebrews 11:24-26 (1169)