

An angel with large, dark, feathered wings is shown in profile, wearing a dark robe and speaking to a woman. The woman is seated, wearing a white, flowing robe and a purple sash. They are in a desert landscape with mountains in the background. The scene is framed by a white geometric border on the left and bottom.

How To Deal with Temptation

Luke 4:1-13

The First Temptation



- Satan's strategy hinged on Jesus' unique relationship to God.
- Satan's offer made a lot of sense since Jesus must have been hungry after fasting for forty days.
- Jesus taught us that surroundings are not the determining factor in overcoming temptation.
- By refusing Satan's bread, Jesus was being content with what God had supplied Him.
- Jesus' exposure to temptation was not His fault; it was God's design.
- Physical needs are important, but loyalty to God is even more important.

The Second Temptation



- As with the first temptation, Satan's offer was for things we all desire.
- Jesus would achieve His rightful place as King of Kings by a different path, a path of suffering and humiliation.
- By His faithful obedience, Jesus received more than the earthly powers that were offered Him in the desert.
- God calls on Christians to experience suffering on their way to everlasting happiness.
- Jesus achieved victory not only for Himself but for those who trust in Him.
- Jesus did for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

The Power of the Bible

A group of people, including a man in a dark suit and a woman in a white dress, are gathered around a table. They appear to be looking at a book or document together. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden glow. The background is dark and out of focus.

- This passage shows us the power of the Bible.
- Jesus fended off each of Satan's blows by quoting Scripture.
- Jesus resisted Satan with the same two tools that are available to Christians today, the Holy Spirit and the Bible.
- The pages of the Bible are alive unlike anything else you will encounter.

Conclusion



- The number forty is a significant number in the Bible.
- Each of the three temptations Satan offered Jesus was to get out of suffering.
- All of Satan's suggestions are to quit denying yourself, and grab life by the horns.
- Satan wanted Jesus to be the shortcut Savior, because Satan is the master of shortcuts.
- Filled with the Spirit, armed with the Scripture, and helped by the Savior, we can always know what to do when we are tempted.
- Jesus does for you what you cannot do for yourself.