

Temptation Came a Callin'

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Text: Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For a more in depth understanding of the story, read chapter 12 & 13 in the book, *The Desire of Ages*.

Reference verses: Matthew 4:1-2; Luke 4:1-2; Mark 1:12-13

1. Jesus was given the assurance He was the Son of God before His time in the wilderness. What assurances do you have from God about who you are?

1st Temptation – Appetite

Reference verses: Matthew 4:3-4; Luke 4:3-4; Deuteronomy 8:3; Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-7

2. Why is appetite such a core part of temptation?

2nd Temptation – Presumption

Reference verses: Matthew 4:5-7; Luke 4:9-12

3. What is presumption, and how does a knowledge of Scripture prevent it?

Reference verses: Psalm 91:11-16

4. What important parts of Psalm 91 did Satan leave out of his otherwise, biblical argument?

“We should not present our petitions to God to prove whether He will fulfill His word, but because He will fulfill it; not to prove that He loves us, but because He loves us.” – Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, 125

3rd Temptation – Having it All

Reference verses: Matthew 4:8-11; Luke 4:5-8

5. How does Satan use money, fame and power to tempt people?

Christ, the Sure Bet

Reference verses: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

6. How does the story of the Israelites help you understand the way God provides help during temptation?

“Satan adapts his temptations to our circumstances. In every temptation he will present some bribe, some apparent good to be gained. But in the name of Christ we may have complete victory in resisting his devices.” – Ellen White, Review and Herald, March 4, 1875

Reference verses: James 1:2-4; 12-18; James 4:7-10

7. Although temptation is from Satan, how does God use temptation to benefit His people?

Reference verses: Hebrews 2:14-15; 4:14-16

8. Why is Jesus the only sure bet when finding help from temptation?
