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## TEMPTATION... WE DARE YOU TO! READ THIS ONE!



NOW HONESTLY WE DIDN'T PLAN THIS. WE DIDN'T MEAN TO BE WRITING ABOUT TEMPTATION JUST WHEN MOST ALL OF AMERICA IS GETTING READY TO SIT DOWN TO BIG SCRUMPYOUS THANKSGIVING DINNERS AND GORGE THEMSELVES. IF IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER YOU CAN JUST SET THIS PAPER ASIDE TILL AFTER THANKSGIVING'S OVER AND THEN READ IT



SERIOUSLY THOUGH, THERE IS A TIME FOR FEASTING AND A TIME FOR FASTING SO YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD, LET ALL THE STOPS OUT, AND THOROUGHLY ENJOY THAT THANKSGIVING DINNER.



TEMPTATION HAS TO DO WITH SOME MEATIER THINGS THAN HOW MUCH TURKEY YOU EAT THIS THANKSGIVING.



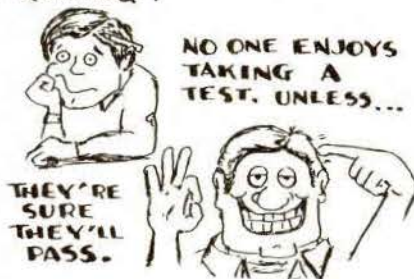
## TEMPTATION

TEMPTATION HAS TO DO WITH SOME MEATIER THINGS ANYHOW. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE NOTICED ABOUT TEMPTATION IN THE BIBLE IS THAT JESUS AND JAMES SEEM TO TREAT THE SUBJECT IN TWO OPPOSITE WAYS.

JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 6:9 THAT WHEN WE PRAY TO THE FATHER WE SHOULD PRAY "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION." ON THE OTHER HAND, JAMES TOLD US IN HIS EPISTLE "COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YE FALL INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS."

HOW COME? WHY WOULD JESUS SAY TO PRAY THAT WE ARE NOT LED INTO TEMPTATION AND JAMES SAY COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN TEMPTATION COMES YOUR WAY.

THE ANSWER IS THIS... TEMPTATION IS A TRIAL. THE GREEK WORD IS PEIRASMOS AND IT MEANS TRIAL OR A PROVING.



JESUS KNEW MEN'S HEARTS. HE KNEW WE JUST AREN'T READY FOR TESTING. SO HE SAID, LOOK, EVERYTIME YOU PRAY YOU ASK GOD TO KEEP YOU OUT OF TEMPTATION. HE DIDN'T WANT US TO FAIL THE TEST BECAUSE WE WEREN'T READY.

NOW ONLY GOD KNOWS WHEN WE'RE READY TO TAKE THE TEST (TEMPTATION) AND PASS IT. SO, WHEN TEMPTATION COMES TO SOMEONE IT MEANS GOD KNOWS THAT PERSON IS ABLE TO PASS. THEY'VE MADE THE GRADE. THAT'S SOMETHING TO REJOICE ABOUT.

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE WON'T BE TESTED BEYOND WHAT WE CAN TAKE AND THAT THERE WILL BE A WAY OF GETTING OUT OF IT IF WE CAN'T TAKE IT.

A TEACHER DOESN'T GIVE A CALCULUS TEST TO A THIRD GRADER.



1 COR. 10:13 - "THERE HATH NO TEMPTATION TAKEN YOU BUT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL, WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT."

SO, OUR ADVICE TO YOU IS JUST LIKE JESUS'. PRAY THAT GOD WON'T LEAD YOU INTO TEMPTATION, IT'S NO FUN. REMEMBER JOB. HE WENT THROUGH ONE MESS OF A TEST. EVEN THOUGH GOD KNEW HE COULD TAKE IT, IT WAS HARD. WORSE THAN HARD, IT WAS DOWNRIGHT TERRIBLE. HE MADE IT THOUGH, HE PASSED THE TEST AND ENDED UP WITH TWICE WHAT HE HAD IN THE BEGINNING.

PRAY THAT YOU'RE NOT LED INTO TEMPTATION (TESTING AND PROVING) BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, LIKE JAMES SAYS, "REJOICE WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED BECAUSE GOD HAS PUT HIS TRUST IN YOU. HE SAID TO HIMSELF "YES, SIR, (YOUR NAME HERE) CAN TAKE IT. (YOUR NAME AGAIN) HAS THE PATIENCE TO OVERCOME THIS THING AND BECAUSE OF THAT I'M GOING TO KEEP HIM/HER FROM GREATER TEMPTATION THAT IS GOING TO COME UPON THE WHOLE WORLD."

DO GOOD ON ALL YOUR TESTS NOW, AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO TAKE THE FINAL EXAM.



REV. 3:10 - "BECAUSE THOU HAST KEPT THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE, I ALSO WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION THAT IS GOING TO COME UPON ALL THE EARTH."

JESUS AND JAMES WERE JUST LOOKING AT THE SUBJECT OF TEMPTATION FROM TWO DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT TEMPTATION IS IT ALL MAKES SENSE.



NUMBERS 14: 22... "BECAUSE ALL THOSE MEN WHICH HAVE SEEN MY GLORY, AND MY MIRACLES, WHICH I DID IN EGYPT AND IN THE WILDERNESS, AND HAVE TEMPTED ME NOW THESE TEN TIMES, AND HAVE NOT HARKENED TO MY VOICE: <sup>23</sup> SURELY THEY SHALL NOT SEE THE LAND WHICH I SWARE UNTO THEIR FATHERS, NEITHER SHALL ANY OF THEM THAT PROVOKE ME SEE IT. <sup>24</sup> BUT MY SERVANT CALEB, BECAUSE HE HAD ANOTHER SPIRIT WITH HIM, AND HATH FOLLOWED ME FULLY, HIM WILL I BRING INTO THE LAND..



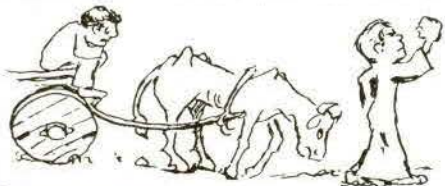
## TEMPTING GOD...

GOD HAD GOOD INTENTIONS FOR THE ISRAELITES WHEN HE BROUGHT THEM OUT OF EGYPT. HE WAS LEADING THEM TO A LAND THAT FLOWED WITH MILK AND HONEY. HE REALLY WANTED TO DO GOOD THINGS FOR THEM.



THE ISRAELITES HAD HIGH  
HOPES WHEN THEY LEFT EGYPT.

NOW TO GET TO THE PROMISED LAND THEY HAD TO GO THROUGH THE WILDERNESS AND THE WAY WAS UNQUESTIONABLY PRETTY ROUGH. THEY REALLY LOST SIGHT OF GOD'S PROMISE FAST. LIKE THE BIBLE SAYS "THE SOUL OF THE PEOPLE WAS MUCH DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE WAY" (NUM. 21:4)



THEIR HOPE SOON TURNED TO  
DESPAIR.

THE ISRAELITES BEGAN  
TO TEMPT GOD... THEY FELL  
INTO A BAD PATTERN.

YOU KNOW, GOD HAS GOOD THINGS PLANNED FOR US TOO. HE'S PROMISED US ETERNAL LIFE BUT WE HAVE OUR OWN WILDERNESSES TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO GET IT. LET'S NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE THE ISRAELITES DID. LET'S NOT GO AROUND TEMPTING GOD... IT GETS HIM PRETTY UPSET. AND WE'VE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE THAT TEMPTERS DIE. THERE IS VERY LITTLE HOPE FOR THEM.

BEFORE WE GET INTO JUST WHAT TEMPTING GOD IS, AND YOU REALIZE YOU'VE PROBABLY DONE IT YOURSELF, WE WANT TO REINFORCE THE FACT THAT OUR GOD IS THE GOD OF ANOTHER CHANCE. HE CAN WIPE THE SLATE CLEAN FOR YOU AND LET YOU START ALL OVER AGAIN. NOW, LET'S GO ON.

OUR GOD  
IS  
THE GOD  
OF ANOTHER CHANCE,  
ANOTHER CHANCE, ANOTH-  
ER CHANCE, ANOTHER CHANCE,  
ANOTHER CHANCE, ANOTHER CHANCE,  
ANOTHER CHANCE, ANOTHER CHANCE, ANOTH-  
ER CHANCE, ANOTHER CHANCE, ANOTHER CHANCE, ANOTHER CHANCE.

REMEMBER, GOD HAS A FANTASTIC FUTURE PLANNED FOR US-- BUT WE'RE NOT THERE YET. WE'RE ON THE WAY AND THE

I KNOW YOU'LL  
NEVER BUY ME ANY  
FASHION BOOTS.



MAYBE SHE'S ACTING THE WAY SHE IS BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE PAST. POSSIBLY HER FATHER REFUSED TO BUY HER SOMETHING ELSE SHE THOUGHT SHE REALLY NEEDED SO NOW SHE APPROACHES HIM LIKE ALL HOPE IS LOST, AND SHE'S TEMPTING HIM, BY HER WORDS AND ACTIONS TO DO JUST WHAT SHE SAYS-- NOT BUY HER ANY FASHION BOOTS.

IF SHE UNDERSTOOD THE WAY  
TEMPTATION WORKS AND WANTED  
TO REALLY IMPROVE HER CHANCES  
OF GETTING THOSE BOOTS SHE'D  
CRAWL UP ON HER DADDY'S LAP  
CHUCKLE HIM UNDER THE CHIN AND  
SAY, "OH DEAREST LOVING DADDY



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OF MINE, ALL THE OTHER GIRLS ARE WEARING FASHION BOOTS THIS YEAR AND I KNOW YOU WANT ME TO BE IN STYLE AND HAVE BOOTS LIKE ALL THE OTHER GIRLS."



WELL, HER DADDY'S HEART WOULD JUST LEAP AND HE'D THINK TO HIMSELF, "OF COURSE I WANT MY DAUGHTER TO BE THE BEST DRESSED OF ALL THE GIRLS IN SCHOOL. I'LL GET HER THE BEST FASHION BOOTS I CAN AFFORD."

NOW CHANCES ARE THAT THAT WEEK HE JUST COULDN'T AFFORD TO BUY FASHION BOOTS BUT YOU CAN BET HE'S GOING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT HE CAN TO HAVE FASHION BOOTS ON HIS LITTLE GIRL JUST AS SOON AS HE CAN.

YOU NEVER LISTEN TO ME!



YOU NEVER DO ANYTHING I WANT.



### OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS HAVE POWER AND CAUSE REACTIONS.

OR TAKE A HUSBAND AND WIFE. THE RELATION STARTS OUT BEAUTIFULLY BUT SOON DUE TO HUMAN FRAILTIES AND MISUNDERSTANDING THE WIFE STARTS COMPLAINING "YOU NEVER LISTEN TO A THING I SAY" AND THE HUSBAND MOANS "YOU NEVER WANT TO DO ANYTHING I WANT TO DO."

BY SAYING THESE THINGS TO EACH OTHER THEY'RE TEMPTING EACH OTHER TO DO JUST WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. SHE'S TEMPTING HIM TO REALLY NEVER LISTEN TO HER AND HE'S TEMPTING HER TO REALLY NEVER DO ANYTHING HE WANTS.

WE DO THE SAME THING TO GOD. WE FORGET OR CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE COULD LOVE US AND YET LET US GO THROUGH THE THINGS WE DO. LIKE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WE ONLY SEE THE ACTS OF GOD AND DO NOT COMPREHEND HIS WAYS.... PSALMS 103:7.

REMEMBER, GOD HAS PROMISED US ETERNAL LIFE. HE'S PROMISED US ABUNDANT LIFE. (ROM. 6:23 & JOHN 10:10). THE PATH WE FOLLOW TO ATTAIN THESE THINGS MAY NOT BE WHAT WE EXPECT AND WE MAY HAVE TO KEEP REMINDING OURSELVES THAT GOD IS LOVE AND HE REALLY CARES FOR US. BUT, THAT'S THE FACT, HE DOES, AND WE DON'T WANT TO TEMPT HIM TO DO OTHERWISE.

PRAISE GOD ANYHOW ??

DON'T SETTLE FOR THE "ANYHOWS." GOD HAS PROMISED US ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL LIFE.

DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS!

SPEAKING OF TEMPTATION, WE HOPE WE'VE TEMPTED YOU TO SEND FOR OUR TAPE "TEMPTATION." OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER, AS ARE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. THIS TAPE COVERS IN DETAIL THE SUBJECTS WE'RE TOUCHING ON IN THIS MONARCH.

WE LOVE YOU! KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON.... BE A CALEB! □



# TEMPTATION

A NEW TWIST FOR AN OLD PROBLEM

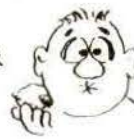
## COME LEARN THIS LESSON IN LUST



LEMON  
TREE  
VERY  
PRETTY...



AND THE  
LEMON FLOWER  
IS SWEET.



BUT THE FRUIT  
OF THAT POOR  
LEMON IS IMPOSSIBLE  
TO EAT.

**JAMES 1:13** - LET NO MAN SAY WHEN HE IS TEMPTED, I AM TEMPTED OF GOD: FOR GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, NEITHER TEMPTETH HE ANY MAN: 14 BUT EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED, WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST AND ENTICED. 15 THEN WHEN LUST HATH CONCEIVED, IT BRINGETH FORTH SIN: AND SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH.

JESUS  
HAD  
LUST?



WITHOUT IT  
HE COULD NOT  
HAVE BEEN  
TEMPTED.

JESUS WAS LED INTO THE WILDERNESS FOR FORTY DAYS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. AFTER THE FORTY DAYS HE WAS TEMPTED BY SATAN. RIGHT? THEN THAT MEANS JESUS HAD LUST. HE LUSTED AFTER BREAD AND POWER OR SATAN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TEMPT HIM WITH THESE THINGS. THE BIBLE SAYS CLEARLY THAT WE ARE TEMPTED WHEN WE ARE DRAWN AWAY BY OUR OWN LUST (JAMES 1:14).

JESUS WAS ALONE AND HUNGRY. HE WAS VULNERABLE. THE BIBLE SAYS HE WAS TEMPTED IN EVERY WAY JUST AS WE ARE BUT WITHOUT SIN (HEB. 4:15).

JESUS WAS  
TEMPTED TO  
USE HIS MIRACULOUS



NOW  
I'LL  
GET  
HIM.



WOW! 40  
DAYS... I'M  
HUNGRY.

POWERS TO  
SATISFY HIS  
OWN NEEDS.

LUST IS NOT SIN BUT WHEN IT CONCEIVES IT BRINGS FORTH SIN AND SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED BRINGS FORTH DEATH (JAMES 1:15). WE DID NOT SAY JESUS SINNED. ALL WE SAID WAS THAT HE WAS TEMPTED. THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE.

IT WAS NOT SIN FOR JESUS TO BE HUNGRY, ANY MORE THAN IT IS SIN FOR YOU OR ME TO BE HUNGRY. HOW WAS SATAN TRYING TO TRIP JESUS UP THEN? HE SAID "IF YOU BE THE SON OF GOD, COMMAND THAT THESE STONES BE MADE BREAD (MAT. 4:3). HE WAS TEMPTING JESUS TO USE HIS MIRACULOUS POWERS TO SATISFY HIS OWN NEED. THAT IS WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN WRONG, NOT EATING BREAD.

GOD GIVES US GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO USE FOR OTHERS, NOT FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES. WE CANNOT MIX THE TWO, THOUGH WE ARE OFTEN TEMPTED TO USE OUR GIFTS TO MEET OUR OWN NEEDS.

OUR GIFTS ARE  
TO BE USED  
FOR OTHERS..  
THAT SOUNDS  
CHRISTIAN.



WE MUST, AS THE SCRIPTURES SAY, "SANCTIFY GOD BEFORE THE PEOPLE" (NUM. 20:12). THIS IS AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT LESSON FOR PREACHERS TO LEARN. IT IS VERY EASY FOR A PREACHER TO LEARN HOW TO MANIPULATE PEOPLE WITH THE GIFTS AND POWERS GOD HAS GIVEN HIM. HE REALIZES EARLY IN HIS MINISTRY THAT HE CAN DRAW MONEY AND SUPPORT OUT OF PEOPLE BY MISUSING POWERS AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GOD HAS GIVEN HIM.

MOSES' MISTAKE  
WAS THAT HE DID  
NOT SANCTIFY GOD.



WHAT'S THAT  
MEAN?

MOSES WAS NOT ALLOWED TO GO INTO THE PROMISED LAND BECAUSE HE DID NOT SANCTIFY GOD BEFORE THE PEOPLE. HE MIXED HIS OWN EMOTIONS & WILL WITH GOD'S WILL. TO SANCTIFY MEANS TO SET APART. MOSES BEAT ON THAT ROCK AND ACTED LIKE HE AND AARON HAD THE POWER TO MAKE WATER COME OUT OF IT. HE SAID, "HEAR NOW, YE REBELS; MUST WE FETCH YOU WATER OUT OF THIS ROCK" (NUM. 20:10). GOD HAD PROVIDED THE WATER, NOT MOSES AND AARON, BUT MOSES MADE NO SEPARATION. HE DID NOT SANCTIFY (SEPARATE) HIS FEELINGS AND WHAT HE WAS DOING FROM GOD.

MOSES USED GOD'S MIRACULOUS POWER TO VENT HIS OWN WRATH. HE ALLOWED HIS LUST TO CONCEIVE AND IT HAD DISASTEROUS RESULTS FOR HIM.

OUR DESIRE IS TO LIVE AND EXPRESS GOD'S GLORY. WE HOPE WE ALL CAN LEARN A LESSON FROM HOW JESUS AND MOSES DEALT WITH LUST.



# ARE YOU WASTING ENERGY?

IT'S TRUE THAT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT GOD TOLD THE ISRAELITES TO UTTERLY DESTROY CERTAIN NATIONS: MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, ANIMALS, THE WORKS. SOME CHRISTIANS USE THIS FACT AS AN EXAMPLE TO SAY WE ARE TO REMOVE AND SEPARATE OURSELVES ENTIRELY FROM ANY INFLUENCE OF WORLDLY HOLIDAYS. WE RECEIVED A FEW LETTERS FROM MISLEAD CHRISTIANS TELLING US HOW BAD CERTAIN HOLIDAYS ARE (ESPECIALLY HALLOWEEN SINCE OUR LAST "MONARCH" WENT OUT).



JESUS SHOWED HIS DISCIPLES A NEW WAY. AT ONE POINT THEY WANTED TO CALL FIRE DOWN FROM HEAVEN ON THOSE WHO DIDN'T AGREE WITH THEM. BUT JESUS REBUKED THEM SAYING "YE KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF, FOR THE SON OF MAN HAS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM (LUKE 9:54-56).

DON'T WASTE YOUR ENERGY TRYING TO ROOT OUT EVIL. THAT'S THE WAY OF THE ELIJAH COMPANY. IT ENDS IN DEATH. RATHER, OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.



JESUS DIDN'T WASTE HIS TIME AND ENERGY BY KNOCKING THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS. HE PARTICIPATED IN THEM AND USED THEM FOR GOOD. WE HOPE YOU THOROUGHLY ENJOY THIS THANKSGIVING AND USE IT TO GLORIFY GOD AND THANK HIM FOR THIS TREMENDOUS LAND OF OURS. USE YOUR ENERGIES POSITIVELY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. ENTER INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD AS YOU BECOME A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST!

## WHO'S THE TEMPTER?

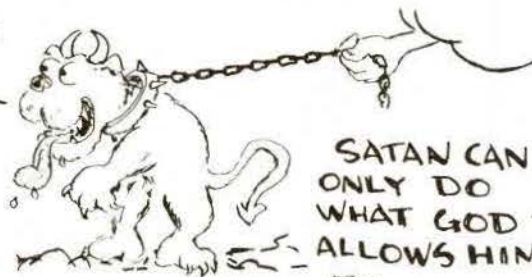
# SATAN IS, BUT....

WE ARE TEMPTED BY SATAN WHEN WE ARE DRAWN AWAY BY OUR OWN LUST. BUT....GOD HAS TO GIVE SATAN THE OKAY. SATAN CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS GOD SAYS HE CAN.

REMEMBER JOB?

IN THE BOOK OF JOB IT SAYS "NOW THERE WAS A DAY WHEN THE SONS OF GOD CAME TO PRESENT THEMSELVES BEFORE THE LORD, AND SATAN CAME ALSO AMONG THEM" (JOB 1:6). WELL, THEY DISCUSSED THINGS AND GOD BROUGHT THE TOPIC OF JOB INTO THE CONVERSATION, HE BRAGGED ABOUT HIM, SAYING WHAT A PERFECT AND UPRIGHT MAN HE WAS. THIS REALLY GOT UNDER SATAN'S SKIN. HE COULDN'T WAIT TO GET HIS BARBS INTO JOB AND PROVE GOD WRONG. SO HE SAYS "DOTH JOB FEAR GOD FOR NAUGHT? HAST THOU NOT MADE A HEDGE ABOUT HIM....THOU HAST BLESSED THE WORK OF HIS HANDS, AND HIS SUBSTANCE IS INCREASED IN THE LAND....TOUCH ALL THAT HE HAS AND HE WILL CURSE THEE TO THY FACE."

LET ME  
AT 'EM  
WOOF.  
WOOF



SATAN CAN  
ONLY DO  
WHAT GOD -  
ALLOWS HIM  
TO....

NOW GOD HAD TO GIVE SATAN THE OKAY TO PUT THE HURT ON JOB. SATAN IS LIKE A DOG ON A LEASH AND GOD IS HOLDING THE CHAIN... SATAN KEEPS BARKING "LET ME AT 'EM", AND GOD KEEPS SAYING "NOPE" AND WE KEEP PRAYIN HE WON'T. BUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, WHEN HE THINKS WE'RE READY, HE SAYS "OKAY, GO GET 'EM" BUT GOD STILL CONTROLS THE AMOUNT OF CHAIN SATAN CAN HAVE. WE CAN FEEL HIS BREATH AND HEAR HIS BARKING AND SNAPPING, AND CAN CAN SCARE THE HECK (MODESTY, MODESTY) OUT OF US BUT HE CAN'T DO ANY MORE HARM TO US THAN GOD ALLOWS.



CLOSELY RELATED TO TEMPTATION IS . . .

## P.P.P. PATIENCE . . .

OUR FAVORITE (SPOTTER, GRIMACE, \*O?!) TOPIC !!!

POSSIBLY YOU'VE HEARD THE STORY OF THE YOUNG MOTHER WHO WAS PRAYING FOR PATIENCE. SHE FINALLY GAVE UP IN DISTRESS BECAUSE SHE NOTICED THAT EVERY TIME SHE PRAYED FOR PATIENCE HER KIDS — REALLY STARTED TO ACT UP TERRIBLY AND SHE JUST WANTED TO COMPLETELY GIVE UP TRYING.

SHE WENT TO HER PASTOR AND TOLD HIM WHAT WAS HAPPENING. HE SMILED UNDERSTANDINGLY . . . TURNED TO JAMES 1:2&3 AND READ "MY BRETHREN COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YOU FALL INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS . . .

KNOWING THIS; THAT THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH (TEMPTATION) WORKETH PATIENCE."

SO, EVERY TIME THE POOR MOTHER PRAYED FOR PATIENCE, ALL GOD COULD DO WAS ALLOW SATAN TO SEND MORE TRIALS OR TESTING (TEMPTATION) HER WAY, TEMPTING HER TO GET REALLY MAD AND UPSET.

WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED IT CAUSES US TO EXERCISE PATIENCE. THAT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO CONSCIOUSLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO DO.

WE KNOW IT'S NO FUN . . . BUT THE FRUIT OF PATIENCE IS GOOD. THE BIBLE SAYS "LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK, THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT AND ENTIRE, WANTING NOTHING" (JAMES 2:4). IT SAYS

ALSO IN ROMANS 2:7 THAT TO THEM WHO BY PATIENT CONTINUANCE IN WELL DOING SEEK GLORY, HONOR AND IMMORTALITY GOD WILL GRANT ETERNAL LIFE. GOD ALSO





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PROMISES US IN REVELATION 3:10 THAT IF WE KEEP THE WORD OF HIS PATIENCE HE WILL KEEP US FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION WHICH SHALL COME UPON ALL THE WORLD. PATIENCE HAS A LOT TO DO

WITH TEMPTATION. GOD PROMISES US A WAY OUT OF TEMPTATION BUT HE DOESN'T SAY HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE.

EXERCISE PATIENCE, KEEP HANGING IN THERE IT CAN BE FUN IF YOU APPROACH IT THE RIGHT WAY. AND THE REWARD IS ETERNAL LIFE. 83



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.



*Q. I still have some confusion in my mind about the psyche, parapsyche teaching. Perhaps this is a result of having been taught this is of the occult. How can I really know when I'm operating in the psyche, parapsyche or the spiritual? Should our aim be to develop all three of these areas?*

*A. There's nothing really occult about seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and feeling - which are nothing more than psyche senses and they are not evil, but there have been many books written stating wrongly that the psyche realm is occult and many Christians have mistakenly told us that the psychic area is of the Devil. The Bible is clear that the goal of every Christian should be to change their normal psyche realm from the present carnal mind to the mind of Christ (mind of the anointing). When we have fully put on the mind of Christ (mind of the anointing) then the psyche realm will be perfect and complete. Right now the psyche realm has achieved various stages of perfection according to the stages of attitude change of the subject person. In other words, everyone is different as far as their level of advancement. I don't know of anyone yet who is always perfectly led by the Spirit (excepting, of course, Jesus Christ).*

One way to tell if you are in the psyche realm or the spiritual is to find out if your mind is operating. If you have been told to



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visualize, concentrate or project your mind to something or someone, then you are operating in the realm of soul or psyche prayer - and if you are praying, that's not good.

If your mind is not operating and a thought comes up from your heart (spirit) then it will be good and the perfect will of God. If you are concentrating and thinking on a problem, then you are operating in the soul realm and then what you receive may or may not be from God. In other words, sometimes the mind (soul) is right and sometimes it is wrong. A prophet learns to turn his mind off and to hear from God through the heart (spirit). An immature prophet gives forth as an oracle out of his own mind or soul and claims it's from God. A lot of Christians have told me that what they were doing was from the Spirit, but evidence indicates they were not. Without condemning that person - let's point out that Elijah had a school of the prophets. That indicates that the sensitivity necessary to learn and know when you are operating in the psyche (soul) realm or in the spirit realm, can be learned. It is not just a gift or else there would be no need for a school.

The N.T. also has something to tell us in that realm. "But strong meat (understanding of the deep mysteries of the Word of God) belongeth to them that are of full age (them that have matured), even those who by reason of use have their senses (see, hear, smell, taste, feel) exercised (practiced, trained, skilled, sharpened) to discern both good (leadings of the spirit) and evil (selfish leadings of the soul). (Heb. 5:14).

Specifically, the answer to your question is that exercise is the training technique to use to develop skill in moving from the soul to the spirit. However, exercise implies occasional error and mistakes. So, we advise our students to exercise in private (much the same as you would practice a musical instrument in private) and then perform in public after they have gained expertise.

I do not advise development of sensitivity in the parapsyche realm because it so often easily masquerades as the realm of the spirit. Our Monarch on Psyche-Parapsyche covers this subject in great detail. However, I do recommend development of sensitivity to leading of the Holy Spirit, and also to leading of the spirit of man. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly" (Proverbs 20:27).

Our schools taught us to develop our psyche realm, but we should now abandon our carnal minds



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and seek to change them to the mind of Christ. So I would not recommend working on your psyche and/or parapsyche powers, but I would recommend development of spiritual sensitivity.

*Q. Why is it we still have flooding when God gave the rainbow and promised He would never destroy the land that way again?*

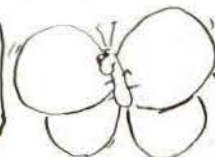
A. When God promised that He would not destroy the earth by water again He did not say that He would not hurt it. He could hurt certain sections of the earth without completely destroying the whole earth as He did a long time ago. In other words, local floods do a lot of havoc and wreck lives in certain sections but they don't completely destroy the earth. They only destroy sections, and that naturally results in hurt to the whole earth.

Also, you are right when you said that God would never destroy the land again. Many Christians qualify that and mistakenly add that He promised that He would not use water but He reserved fire for the last destruction. Our tape titled ELEMENTS MELT proves that God is not going to destroy the earth with fire - but the proof is much too involved for this Q. & A. article. Let's read exactly what God said in this regard.

"And the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again smite every living thing as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease (Gen. 8:21-22). And he built his sanctuary like high places, like the earth which he hath established forever, (Psalms 78:69). Who laid the foundations of the earth that it should not be removed forever (Psalms 104:5). Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth (Matt. 5:5).



WE WERE GOING TO USE THIS SPACE TO TELL YOU WE COMBINED THE Q & A'S WITH THE MONARCH BUT WE DECIDED THAT WAS SELF EVIDENT... SO WE'RE NOT USING THIS SPACE FOR ANYTHING.



THAT BOY'S CONFUSED!