

A hiker wearing a yellow jacket, a white beanie, and a large orange backpack stands on a grassy cliffside. The hiker is looking out over a vast, blue ocean under a clear blue sky with light, wispy clouds. The cliffside is rugged and rocky, with patches of green grass. The overall scene is bright and scenic, suggesting a coastal or mountainous landscape.

The Mountain of
Temptation
Matthew 4:1-11

Summary of Today's Message

We are all tempted to do things that satisfy ourselves and our desires rather than the things that point us to God. But God gives His children the ability to run from temptation. God's Spirit within the child of God is greater than all the entanglements of the world. He will help you resist anything that might keep you from fulfilling His purpose for your life.

Jesus Was Tempted

Hebrews 4:15

"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."

Jesus Was Tempted Three Times

Jesus was tempted three times. The temptations were hedonism (hunger/satisfaction), egoism (spectacular throw/might) and materialism (kingdoms/wealth).

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I John 2:16

John the Evangelist in his epistle calls these temptations "in world" as "lust of eyes" (materialism), "lust of body" (hedonism) and "pride of life" (egoism).

The First Temptation of Jesus

He was tempted to turn the stones into bread (v.3)

This mountain was covered with rocks that were shaped in
little loaves of bread

Jesus wasn't weak having not eaten for 40 days and 40
nights, he was full of God and the Holy Spirit and the
temptation came not at a low point but at a high point.

The First Temptation of Jesus

This was not a temptation to satisfy his hunger but rather
short-circuit his purpose

Jesus was quoting Deuteronomy 8

The bottom line in this temptation was for Jesus to give
everybody what they need-that is called socialism in
today's culture

The First Temptation of Jesus

Satan will tempt us to fulfill all our natural instincts our way and not God's way

Billy Graham's Daughter, Ann

Once again, I'm reminded of my mother's advice and her example Read your Bible. Every day. Study it. Learn to love it. Live by it.

I urge you to take her wise counsel, then follow my father's example and think about what you are reading.

Billy Graham's Daughter, Ann

Listen for the whisper of the Spirit, who speaks through the pages of the Word that He Himself has inspired and through the words on the pages, which are God-breathed.

We find life”

The Second Temptation

The Pinnacle of the Temple (vs. 5-7)

The Devil was quoting Psalm 91

This second temptation is to commit the sin of
presumption

The Third Temptation

Satan took him to a very high mountain and offered him
all the kingdoms of the
world if He would just bow down and worship him.

The Third Temptation

The Scripture says, “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” I John 4:4

. How Do We Handle Temptation?

1. Just say no
2. Run- 2 Timothy 2:22-24

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2 Timothy 2:22-24

Run from temptations that capture young people. Always do the right thing. Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with. Worship with people whose hearts are pure. 23 Stay away from stupid and senseless arguments. These only lead to trouble, 24 and God's servants must not be troublemakers. They must be kind to everyone, and they must be good teachers and very patient.

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Matthew 26:41

Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."



James 1:12



Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:
for when he is tried,
he shall receive the crown of life,
which the Lord hath promised
to them that love him.

