

“The Way of Escape”

1 Corinthians 10:13

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Emergency Escape!

- Some things we need to know:
 - **Where** it is!
 - **When** to use it!
 - **Why** to use it!
 - **How** to use it!

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What is Temptation?

- It is a trial, a test of one’s faithfulness
 - James 1:2
 - 1 Peter 1:6-7

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Temptation Defined

- *to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline: -assay, examine, go about, prove, tempt(-er), try.*
 - Strong
- Abraham was tried (tempted)
 - Genesis 22:1-13
 - Hebrews 11:17; James 2:21-22

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Who or What Tempts Us?

- **Not God!**
 - He cannot tempt us!
 - James 1:13
 - God is the source of all good things!
 - James 1:17
 - 1 John 1:5
- **He allows us to be tried!**
 - Job 1, 2

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Enticement

- Greek – ***deleazo***: James 1:14
 - Strong’s – to entrap, allure, beguile, entice
 - Genesis 3:13 “*serpent beguiled me...*”
 - Thayer – to bait, to catch by bait.
- Satan uses ***bait*** (***lures***) to catch us!
 - “***wiles***” (*trickery*)
 - Eph. 6:11 “*stand against the wiles of the devil*”

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Progression of Temptation!

- “But each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust when it hath conceived, it beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death.”
 - James 1:14-15
- Fruit of Temptation = **SIN then DEATH!**
 - Romans 6:23

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Three “Points” of Temptation

- 1 John 2:15-16
 - **Lust of the flesh** - fleshly desire
 - **Lust of the eyes** - looks good
 - **Pride of life** - a reason to glory
- Used by the Devil from the beginning!
 - Genesis 3:1-6

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Gen. 3:6 Analyzed

- “good for food”
 - **Lust of the flesh**
- “pleasant to the eyes”
 - **Lust of the eyes**
- “desired to make one wise”
 - **Pride of life**

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Question???

- Is it a sin to be tempted?
 - Jesus was tempted – Mt. 4:1-11
- Remember!
 - James 1:14-15
- WHY NOT??
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NO!!

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Christ Used the “Way of Escape”!

- Christ was tempted, **but did not sin!**
 - “...**who did no sin**...” – 1 Peter 2:21-23
 - “...**in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**” Hebrews 4:15
 - 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 2:18, 7:26; 1 John 3:5
- He answered the Devil with Scripture!
 - “**it is written**” – Matthew 4:1-11
 - vs. 4 – Deuteronomy 8:3
 - vs. 7 – Deuteronomy 6:16
 - vs. 10 – Deuteronomy 6:13

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Here's Why!

- Devil used the **3 points of temptation**
 - Matthew 4:1-11
 - verses 1-4 – *“lust of the flesh”*
 - verses 5-7 – *“pride of life”*
 - verses 8-10 – *“lust of the eyes”*

Jesus is our example
1 Peter 2:21ff

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Question

- Will we use the **“way of escape”** provided to bear up against the temptations of this life?

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