

“The Way of Escape”

Hebrews 2:1-3

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Possibility of Falling Away

The Warnings of the Text:

- Hebrews 3:12; 4:11; 6:4; 10:26-29
- 1 Corinthians 9:27
- Galatians 4:9; 5:4

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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1 Corinthians 10:13

- *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure 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
- No test without choice
 - Romans 6:16-18

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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. Genesis 22:1-13
 - Hebrews 11:17; James 2:21-22

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Entice

- Greek – **Deleazo**:
 - Strong’s – to entrap, allure, beguile, entice. Genesis 3:13
 - Thayer – to bait, to catch by bait.
- Satan uses **bait** to catch us!
 - “**wiles**” (*trickery*)
 - Ephesians 6:11

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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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Progression of Temptation!

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

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1 John 2:15-16

- “***Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.***”

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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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Genesis 3:5-6

- “For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat”

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Genesis 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**
- “She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat” cf. Romans 6:23

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Question???

- **Is it a sin to be tempted?**
 - Jesus was tempted – Matthew 4:1-11
- Remember!
 - James 1:14-15

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Here’s Why!

Christ Used the “Way of Escape”!

- Christ was tempted, **but did not sin!**
 - “...**who did no sin**...” – 1 Peter 2:21-22
 - “...**in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**”
 - Hebrews 4:15
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:18, 7:26; 1 John 3:5
- But, He answered the Devil with Scripture!
 - “it is written” – Matthew 4:1-11
 - verse 4 – Deuteronomy 8:3
 - verse 7 – Deuteronomy 6:16 (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:9)
 - verse 10 – Deuteronomy 6:13
- Devil used the **3 points of temptation** - Matthew 4:1-11
 - verses 1-4 – “**lust of the flesh**” ... **Hunger**
 - verses 5-7 – “**pride of life**” ... **Angels will catch thee**
 - verses 8-10 – “**lust of the eyes**” ... **Kingdoms of the world**

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1 Peter 5:8-9

- “Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.”

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The Way Of Escape

- Many will not escape.
 - People of Noah’s time. Genesis 6
 - Lot’s sons-in-law. Genesis 19:14
 - Israelites. Hebrews 3:17-19

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Many Will Not Escape

- They refuse Christ. John 14:6
- They change God’s plan.. Nadab & Abihu. Leviticus 10:1-2
- They are deceived. Galatians 6:7-8
- They substitute tradition for truth. Matthew 15:8-9
- They procrastinate ... Felix. Acts 24:24-25
- They neglect their salvation. Hebrews 2:1-2

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Question

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

• **We Must!**

Caution!

**Beware of The
Devil's Bait!**