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Outline #4 Recognizing Temptation

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But Satan could not trick Jesus this time either.

Here is Your FIRST RECOGNITION.

Jesus recognized the pride factor. He heard Satan say, IF YOU ARE God’s son. Since he himself knew he was God’s son, he had NOTHING TO PROVE. He recognized the dare or temptation. Pride can set you up for a dare or temptation. First, recognize your weakness. It’s your pride.

Second, Jesus recognized the purpose of this dare. Jesus called it “Testing God”. So he quoted one of those scriptures that every Jewish boy learned. He quoted Deut 6:16, saying, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Recognize WHY Satan is tempting you. He is daring you, or tempting you to show off your pride, whether it is your kids or grandkids, your home, your position at work, whatever. If you recognize it, it is possible for you to defeat it.

Don’t let pride become a tool for Satan’s temptations. If you do, you are testing God to see if God means what he says. Will God really send me to hell because of one little dare?

Here is a fact: If you are TESTING God, you are not TRUSTING God.

And Third, if you have trouble with pride, recognize how you might be testing God’s kindness. Romans 11:22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.”

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Jesus' Temptations (4 lessons)

4 lessons

- Follow Luke's order of flesh, eyes, pride
- Try to keep each lesson VERY short – 4-5 minutes each.
- Temptations themselves
 - 1 John 2:16 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.
- Jesus & stones
- Jesus & kingdoms
- Jesus & temple
- Complete all 4 at one recording session
 - Do separate Hooks
 - Do separate endings
 - Edit and prepare all 4 before releasing the 1st one.

Notes on Pride: Luke 4:9-12

- It should be remembered that since Jesus has been divine, he has not had the experience of humans dealing with temptations.
- RWP
 - Psa_91:11, Psa_91:12. Satan does not misquote this Psalm, but he misapplies it and makes it mean presumptuous reliance on God.
 - Psalms 91:11-12 *For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (12) On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*
 - Here Jesus quotes Deu_6:16. Each time he uses Deuteronomy against the devil.
 - Deuteronomy 6:16 *“You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.*
 - Jesus points out to the devil that testing God is not trusting God.
- PH
 - The quotation is from Psa_91:11, but the words “in all Thy ways” are omitted; these words give the condition on which

protection is promised—a condition which Satan would have Christ ignore.

- P
 - "Now," said his tempter, "if you really are what you seem to think, cast thyself down. You know what is written in the Divine writing, how the Eternal would give his angels charge concerning thee, they were to bear thee up, 'lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.' If thou art he of whom all this is written, there will be no risk. You are sure that you are the Son of God: try this once, and see. If you triumphantly come out of this trial, all men will recognize you, and your reign as Messiah will commence forthwith."
 - This temptation was of a more subtle nature than the other two. It appeals again to all ranks of men, and warns them of the sore danger of selfishly courting danger.
 - The maxims and precepts of Deuteronomy were used in the education of every Hebrew child.

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