

Defeating temptation – Lk.4:1-13

Battle-Zone

Pleasure Cruise

Realities for the Christian

1. We live in a war-zone –good & evil
2. We are in a spiritual battle
 - sinful desires within – Rom.7; Gal.5
 - schemes of Satan – Eph.6:11.12; 1
1Pet.5:8,9
 - squeeze of the world – Rom.12:2;
1Pet.2:11

1. Jesus - the perfect Saviour

a. Satan tempts him – v.2

- Adam failed – Gen.3

- Israel failed

Will Jesus be the obedient Son?

b. Jesus defeats Satan

1. The obedient Son

2. The sinless Saviour- Heb.2:18; 4:15,16;
5:8-10

2. The temptations Jesus faced

a. Personal needs/desires – v.3,4; Dt.8:3

b. Exclusive worship – v.5-8

Satan's power – John12:31; 2Cor.4:4;
1John5:19

c. Public ministry – v.9-12

Dt.-2nd law – How God's people were to live –
trusting God, worshipping only him,
submitting to his will

3. The Christian & temptation

- a. We all face temptation
- b. Resources to face temptation
 1. God the Father – 1Cor.10:13; Lk.11:4; Heb.4:16; Lk.21
 2. God the Son
 - his life
 - his death – Heb.2:14,15; 1John3:8; Col.2:15
 - his present rule – Heb.2:17,18; 4:14-16
 3. God the Holy Spirit – his Word - Gal.5:16-26; Col.3:5-17; Rom.8:13
 4. God's people

4. Remember

- a. The need to be vigilant
- b. The temptations of Satan become testings in God's hands – cf. Job
- c. Trust God
 - 1. Pray
 - 2. Meditate on Jesus & his work
 - 3. Fill our minds with God's word
 - 4. Meet with God's people

When temptation comes

1. "Resist the devil" – James 4:7;
1Pet 5:8,9
2. "In the power of the Spirit" –
Rom. 8:12-16
3. "Through the guidance of God's
word" – Ps. 1:1-3
4. "To do the will of the Father" –
John 4:34; Ps. 37:4