

3: ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

1 Corinthians 10:13

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13 *No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*

What is true about every temptation you face?

- You aren't the only one who has gone through this

Who can give you victory when you are tempted?

- Only our faithful God can give you victory

Does God remove temptation?

- No, He does not. He allows you to go through the temptation

What does God do for you?

- You will be stronger
- You will be a witness
- See Psalm 23. God prepares a way of escape

“TEMPTATION . . . IS COMMON TO MAN”

1. *What is a major source of temptation that James described in James 1:13 – 14?*

- The major sources of temptation are our own lusts and desires

2. *Read 1 John 2:15 – 16. What are three primary areas of temptation?*

- Lust of the flesh
- Lust of the eyes
- Pride of life
- *See the following Scriptures*
 - Genesis 3:6
 - 2 Samuel 13:1
 - Proverbs 6:25

3. According to Peter's statement in 1 Peter 5:8, what is the Devil seeking to do when he tempts you?

- Be alert and of a sober mind
- Resist Satan!
- The devil *seeks to devour*

What does this mean to you?

- He wants to tempt you away from God
- Satan prowled – see Job 2:2
- Lions were considered the most powerful predator
- 1 John 5:4 – 5 Satan cannot take away your salvation, but we can allow him to steal our joy and our fruitfulness

“GOD IS FAITHFUL”

4. What does God do for you, according to 2 Thessalonians 3:3?

- God will strengthen and guard you

5. What does Hebrews 4:15 tell you about Jesus Christ

- Jesus knows! He was tempted; He did not sin

“A WAY OUT”

6. What are some things you can do to keep temptation from leading into sin?

- *Matthew 6:9, 13*
 - First, *pray!* Then *pray specifically* to not be led into temptation, asking God to deliver you from the evil that wants to control you
- *Psalms 119:9, 11*
 - *Study!* You can't know where to go if you haven't studied the map. *Memorize!* Keep the Word close to your heart
- *1 John 5:4 – 5*
 - *Believe* in Jesus! Have *faith* in Him!
- *Hebrews 4:16*
 - Christ, our High Priest, has faced what we face but did not sin. *Ask for His help* in our time of trouble
- *James 4:7*
 - *Submit* yourself to God. *Resist* Satan and he will flee