

Matthew 4:1

God Tests and Satan Tempts

God Tests His People

Satan Tempts God's People

Application of Matthew 4:1

1. Look up some references to God testing His people and consider the purpose of God's testing (Gen 22:1-2; Ex 16:4; Deut 8:2, 20; James 1:2-4, 12; 1 Pet 1:6-7; Rev 2:10)
 - a. What trials/tests are you going through now? How can the verses above encourage and challenge you through these?
 - b. Ask God to help you rejoice in trials, knowing that through such tests He is sanctifying you for His glory and your good.
2. As it seems to be true in Jesus' experience, why might the strongest periods of testing/temptation be felt a) at the start of a new ministry/responsibility, b) after a great moment of success, and c) when physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted?
 - a. How does being aware of this prepare you and alert you to such challenges in the future?
3. How does knowing the different names (and the meaning behind those names) and descriptions of Satan in the NT help you understand his character, purpose, and activities? See e.g. Matt 4:1, 3, 10; 13:39; John 8:44; 2 Cor 4:4; 11:14; 1 Pet 5:8; 1 John 5:18-19; Rev 12:3, 7, 9, 10
4. Reflect on the limited and temporary authority the devil has including in the lives' of Job, Paul, and Jesus, as well as in the future (Rev 12:7-12; 20:1-10) and his submission to Christ (e.g. Eph 1:21; Col 2:14-15; Heb 2:14).
 - a. Consider also the devil's limited authority against you because you can "resist" him (James 4:7), stand firm against him (Eph 6:11), and he can't separate us from God's love (Rom 8:38-39).
5. Memorize/meditate on 1 Cor 10:13, how does this verse emphasize the grace and faithfulness of God and how does it encourage you in your battle with temptation?
6. What's the difference between being tested and being tempted? What's the purpose of each and who is behind each?

Reading this week: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>God T_____ and Satan T_____</i> G_____ Tests His P_____	<u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	S_____ Tempts G_____ P_____	
<u>Verses</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Satan's I_____ - Satan's A_____ 	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh/ Father	Christ/Jesus/ Lord	Devil/Satan	Tempt(ed/ation)	Test(s/ing)	Us/People	Verse

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: