

Matthew 4:8-11

Resolutions of an Overcomer (Part 3): I Will Worship God Only

Tempted to Worship another god (vv. 8-9)

Resolved to Worship God Only (v. 10)

The Outcome of Overcoming Temptation (v. 11)

Application of Matt 4:8-11

1. What lies has society accepted to practice syncretism (combining more than one religious view or practice together) or polytheism (worshipping more than one god)?
2. What area(s) of weakness exist in your life that could be used as an attraction or appeal tempting you to sin e.g. popularity, power, prosperity, peace, pleasure.
 - a. Recognizing each person will struggle with different “attractive offers” how should this lead you to relate to people with struggles you don’t face, but they do (see Gal 5:14-15; 6:2)?
3. How might you be tempted to take shortcuts (e.g. instant, cheap, without work) to achieve success or receive pleasure?
 - a. How would you explain the phrase, “right end, wrong means” as it relates to Jesus’ temptation experience and yours?
4. Look up other passages that emphasize the command to worship God only e.g. Ex 20:3-5; Deut 6:13-15; Is 42:8; Matt 6:24.
5. Beyond physical idolatry, what’s a broader definition of idolatry or worshipping another god?
 - a. Do you recognize **all** sin is a form of worshipping another god?
 - b. Do you understand ‘idolatry’ is a matter of the heart?
 - c. What other gods do you need to repent of worshipping?
6. What’s the ministry of angels in a believer’s life? See eg. Heb 1:14
7. Read Rom 7:15-25; Gal 5:16-18; James 1:14-15; 1 John 2:16 and consider the reality that though we’re free from the power of sin (Rom 6:6-7), we still struggle with the remaining effects of sin.
 - a. How do these verses teach us we’re responsible for our sin?
 - b. What do they teach you about the source of your temptation?
 - c. How does this help you overcome temptation?

Reading this week: Matthew 4:1-11 and Rev 12:3-12 ahead of Pastor Len Nation’s sermon next week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>R_____ of an O_____ (Part 3):</i> <i>I Will W_____ God Only</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	T_____ to W_____ another god (vv. __-__) Resolved to Worship G_____ O_____ (v. ____) 	
<u>Verses</u>	The O_____ of Overcoming Temptation (v. ____) 	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh/ Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Devil/Satan	Tempt(ed/ation)	Us	Worship

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: