

# Temptation verses Obedience

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- **Before the children of God went into the Promised Land, God spoke to them through His servant Moses in Deuteronomy 11.**

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- First, the Lord makes some wonderful promises regarding “obedience”.
- So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul-
- then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. (Deut. 11:13-15)

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- Next , a warning from Jesus not to worship other gods or bow down to them.
- Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them.  
(Deuteronomy 11:16)

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- Jesus too was tempted by the enemy and showed obedience to the Father.
- Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. (Luke 4:1-2)
- The devil finds Jesus at a very weak point. He is always prowling around looking for someone to devour.

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- Jesus responds with the Word of God.
- He brings out the “big guns” against His enemy.....the Word of God.
- Jesus answered, "It is written:  
'Man does not live on bread alone.'"
- Jesus answered, "It is written:  
'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"
- Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Luke 4)
- But most importantly, Jesus is the Word of God!!

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- Here Jesus is going through a true test of temptation verses obedience.
- He is being tempted by the enemy at a time He is vulnerable. This was the enemy's most "opportune time" that he was looking for after failing to tempt Jesus in the desert.
- When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. (Luke 4:13)
- At the same time, Jesus at His "weakest" is "strongest" because HE IS PRAYING.

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- Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (Matthew 26:40-41)
- Here we see that we should "watch and pray" so we will not fall into temptation.
- We may win a victory but the war is always on until we get home to heaven.



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Let's now look at a video on "temptation" verses "obedience". These young children are going to be tempted beyond what they can bear yet they are promised a reward if they are "obedient".

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- So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

(1 Cor.10:12-14)

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- If the LORD delights in a man's way,  
he makes his steps firm;  
though he stumble, he will not fall,  
for the LORD upholds him  
with his hand.

(Psalm 37:23-24)

Let' s Pray: