

In His Steps: Walking How Jesus Walked

How Did Jesus Respond to Temptation?

Matthew 4:1-11

The hope we have is in Jesus Christ Who was "in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin" (Heb 4:15). Since we have died with Christ and been raised with Christ positionally (Rom 6:8), and if we look to how Christ lived practically (Heb 12:1-3), we can have victory when tempted to sin.

Two Issues:

1. Did God _____ Jesus to be _____?
2. _____ Jesus have _____ since He was God?

Three Temptations:

1. _____: The Lust of the Flesh (2-4)
2. _____: The Pride of Life (5-6)
3. _____: The Lust of the Eyes (8-10)

Seven Principles:

1. Expect temptation when you _____ expect it (Lk 4:13)
2. Know that temptation comes from _____ (Ja 1:14-15)
3. Remember your new _____ in Christ (Rom 6:11-12)
4. Be wise and _____ (Pr 14:16)
5. Arm yourself with the right _____ (Eph 6:17)
6. Make no provision for the _____ (Rom 13:14)
7. Endure and _____ as God provides (1 Cor 10:13)

A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is . . . A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like [to resist] an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in . . . Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means—the only complete realist.