

HOW TO HAVE IN VICTORY IN TEMPTATION!!!
LESSONS FROM JESUS' VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION
Matthew 4:1-11

I. SOME PRELIMINARY ISSUES:

- A. Was Jesus impeccable?
- B. Do our temptations differ from His?

II. KNOW GOD DOES NOT TEMPT Yet IS SOVEREIGN OVER OUR TEMPTATION:
Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by the devil at an opportune time (1-3a)

III. LEARN FROM JESUS' RIGHTLY DIVIDED RESPONSE FROM THE WORD TO THE DEVIL'S CRAFTY TEMPTATIONS (3-10)

A. Jesus' response to the devil's first temptation (3-4)

- 1. Jesus is tempted to fulfill His natural human desire apart from trusting God's providential care (3)

- 2. He responds with the Word rightly divided to identify the devils lie and thus reveal the proper course of action: Life is not found in physical sustenance but in God through His Word! (4)

B. Jesus' response to the devil's second temptation (5-7)

- 1. Jesus is tempted to presuming upon God's promised providential care in His Word (5-6)

- 2. Jesus interprets Scripture with Scripture, identifying the devils lie: The devil is tempting Jesus to not trust God but put Him to the test. (7)

C. Jesus' response to the devil's third temptation (8-10)

- 1. Jesus is tempted to fulfill God's will in His own way and time. (8-9)

- 2. Jesus shows that Scripture reveals fulfilling God's will in our way and time is idolatry. (10)

IV. LEARN FROM JESUS' VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION: Resist the devil, trusting in Him through His Word, and he will flee (11, James 4, 1Peter 5:8)