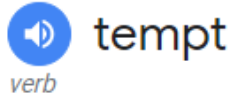


TESTED or TEMPTED Pt. 1

Do you know the difference between being tested and being tempted? It can be a little tricky to understand.

Dictionary

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Under tempt, my Bible concordance says: entice, put to test

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noun

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There are some instances in our Bibles where these words are used interchangeably. You must read the context to understand what is meant.

James 1:12-16 – Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Here we learn that God does not tempt us. And that He cannot be tempted with evil and that means He cannot be tempted to do evil. Satan is the tempter. We also see on one hand this passage speaks of temptation and in the next instant it refers to that temptation as a trial. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life. So on one hand it is a temptation from Satan but on the other hand, it is a test or trial from God. When

you do not give in to the temptation, then you have been tried and if you stand for Jesus and withstand the temptations that satan brings your way, then God says in the end of it all He will bless you with the crown of life to all those that love Him. So there are two ways to look at your temptations, a tempting to do evil, to sin against God, and a test or trial to see what you will do.

Matt.4:3 – And when the tempter came to Him (Jesus), he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

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1 Thess.3:5 – (Apostle Paul writes) For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

satan tempts you to sin against God, he wants to pull you away from God if he can. He's never going to stop tempting you as long as you live. He studies us to find our weaknesses and even if you get delivered from something he's going to keep trying to get back in through that same doorway. **(Matt.12:43-45)**

What does satan use to tempt?

1 John 2:16 – For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

He used this temptation against Eve.

The fruit that Eve saw was good for food – to taste (lust of the flesh) and it was pleasing to the eyes (lust of the eyes) and she would gain wisdom (as satan said to be like God) (the pride of life).



Temptation: Do I get the red sports car that goes about 200 mph? Should I smoke to look cool? Can I have my cake and eat it too? That's a huge piece of cake by the way with a cherry on top! What do I have to do to get rich? Should I act on flirtation from the opposite sex? All of these are temptations.



How many of you struggle with food temptations? If you are in this position, you probably are not going to say no. I have struggled with food addictions and bad habits most of my life. I had an addiction to drinking coca cola. I stopped once but went back to it. But since I became a Christian, I never stopped praying and asking Jesus to set me free from it. I praise God that He has helped me to walk away from drinking coke for 8 months now. Kennedy hated to see me drink a coke. When I was little and we would get sick my mom would always give us coke and crackers to settle our stomachs after we had been throwing up. Coke was something we had in our house growing up. It was a hard hard habit to quit. Even after I learned from Dr. Tent that sodas just eat out your joints, I still could

not stop. I would always have a coke after throwing up from having migraines. I even tried to be quiet about opening them because Kennedy would always hear me pop the top on a can of coke and come and give me “the look.” Thank You Lord Jesus for setting me free from them! Whatever your addiction, stronghold, or bad habit is, Jesus is The One Who can set you free.



Ever been tempted to cheat on a test or exam? Tempted to lie?



Ever been tempted to keep money that you found if there was a way to get it back to the rightful owner?



What about cheating? Ever been tempted to cheat on your boyfriend or girlfriend or your husband or wife? Sex is a major weapon satan uses to tempt and destroy relationships. He has used this one against many so called pastors.



This is Lil Nas X. He was tempted by satan to sell his soul for fame and fortune. He was tempted to serve another god, satan the fallen angel. These are satan shoes, there is a pentagram on top. Don't be fooled just because there is a Scripture reference on the shoe. That verse is where Jesus said HE saw satan fall like lightning. One of satan's symbols is the lightning bolt. It is just a nod to satan. Lil Nas X is also gay so satan is using him to push that agenda and the transgender

agenda too. He also is pictured here sporting one eye in honor of his god, the worthless shepherd. And his eye is a reptilian eye. All of Hollywood falls into this temptation, as do mega church pastors, world leaders etc. They are after riches and some are also after fame and they have been tempted and have chosen to serve the god of this world.



This is George Soros. Two of his temptations were riches and power. So many fall into this temptation. Even those who are nowhere near this level. So many want power and recognition. As for the riches, they never have enough, always trying to get more and never give to God's Kingdom. They are satan's puppets.

satan uses drugs, alcohol, anger, pornography, sex, targeting, pain, loss, greed etc. to tempt us. I could go on and on with the temptations he uses against us. How about the temptation not to read your Bible or not to pray? satan has perfected his temptations against each one of us.

Let's read a passage from Exodus when the children of Israel were wandering for 40 years in the wilderness.

Exodus 17:1-2 – And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink. Wherefore the people did chide (quarrel) with Moses, and said, Give us water

that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide (quarrel) ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

This is an example of God being tempted. He cannot be tempted as we learned in the book of James, so what does it mean that He was tempted here. It means that God had had just about enough of their sin against Him and He was about good and ready to deal with their sin by killing them. That would be His judgement against them for this sin. He is holy and they complained at Him and His provision the whole time. Tempt in this instance would be the second definition that we read where God would have an inclination to do something. In the way it is used here, of course, it does not mean God was tempted to sin. What it meant was that God's patience had been stretched so thin that He was ready to act to punish their sin. Sin must be dealt with and God is always a Just Judge.

We know through Scripture that God cannot be tempted but yet Jesus was tempted by satan in the wilderness. Jesus was in a flesh body.

Heb.4:15 – For we have not an High Priest Who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

He was tempted by satan but He did not succumb to his enticements. And furthermore, He was led out there by The Holy Spirit Who is God, so it seems that He was tested by God before He truly began His earthly ministry. There are our two sides of the same coin. Jesus was tempted by satan but He was tested by God.

Heb.2:18 – For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor (help) them that are tempted.

Everything you struggle with, everything you wrestle with, take all your temptations, and troubles to Jesus. He's the One Who can help you every single time.

1 Cor.10:13 – There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, Who will not suffer (allow) you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

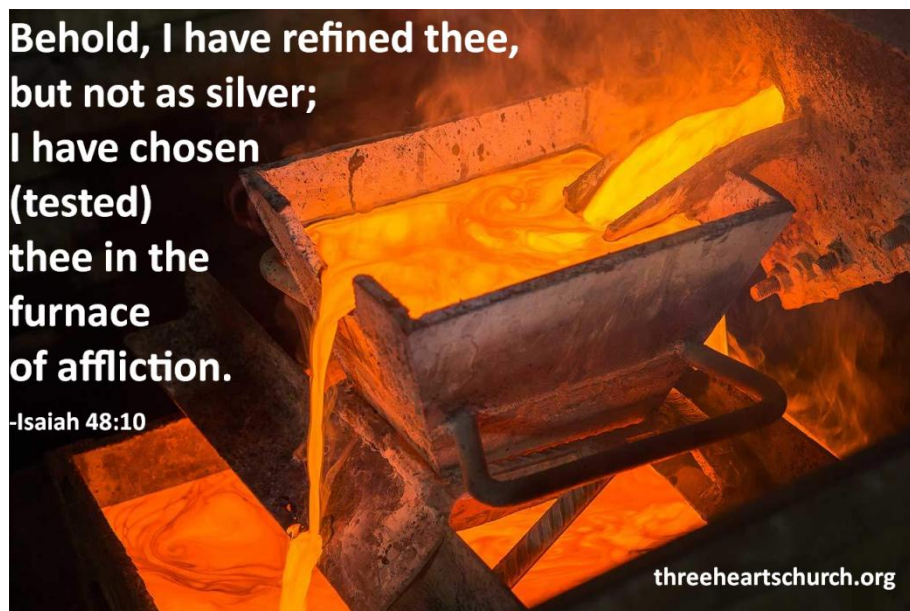
This almost seems like God is the One doing the tempting the way this reads, but He never tempts us to sin, to do wrong. Instead what it means is that God watches over His children and He helps us out of these situations if we will just turn to Him and trust Him.

Read the story of Job, it will minister to you. He made this next statement in the middle of His storm.

Job 23:10 – But He knoweth the way that I take: *when* He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Let's go back to our definition of TEST:

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Isaiah 48:10 – See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have chosen (tested) you in the furnace of affliction.

CLOSING

God still tests His people today. The people who do not believe in the rapture say to those of us who do, that we are chicken, scared, and are just escapists. I don't know about you but I'm in God's furnace right now. I have suffered with severe and numerous migraines for over 20 years and with rheumatoid arthritis for 15 years. I have battled my weight most of my life and even once I came to Jesus and truly began to serve Him, the battle has not stopped but rages on even more so. You might be wondering how health problems are a temptation. I encourage you to read the Book of Job to understand this one. Satan wants to tempt you to get mad at God, get tired of waiting and go off on God or just walk away. Health problems that are not lifted off of your life instantly are usually a test from God. To see if you will wait on The Lord and keep the faith and persevere. I used to think God doesn't still test us like He did Job. That's not true, God still has servants that He's proud of and He still tells Satan to take his best shot. You give Satan a punch right in the face when you keep standing for Jesus no matter what. God does test us and if we withstand the testing we will come forth as gold.

God doesn't leave us alone in these battles we face. He is our way out. Every time my pain has been just unbearable or I have an extremely bad time with everything, He never fails me. He always comforts and brings relief.

James 4:7 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Many people are not truly saved and so they are not submitted to God and their situation is not changing and they don't understand why. Submit to God means to live a righteous life, you do the following things consistently: fast and pray, read God's Word and do what it says, tithe and give offerings, fellowship with the saints, serve in His church or Kingdom at large by using your gifts and talents. You are serving this ministry when you give and pray over the prayer requests and share the videos. Live holy doing God's will and live to please Him and not yourself. No matter what you are facing if you get busy doing those things your life will change.

PRAYING