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Questions: Temptations & Attacks From Satan

Tests, Trials, Persecutions & Sufferings Because We Are Christians

1-3. **MATCH** the Greek or Hebrew words and their English meanings:

Hebrew	English
<i>maccah</i>	(v) to prove, tempt, try, test
<i>nacah</i>	(n) temptation, trial, test, proof
<i>Satan</i>	fire, fiery, burning
<i>Vae esh</i>	Satan, adversary, from resist
<i>qadash</i>	(n) holy, separate, hallowed
<i>qodesh</i>	(v) to sanctify, hallow, dedicate
<i>ruwach</i>	integrity, upright, whole
<i>tome</i>	spirit, breath, eg Holy Spirit

Greek	English
<i>peirasmos</i>	(v) to tempt, try, prove
<i>peirazo</i>	temptation, trial, test, proof
<i>peira</i>	wiles, schemes, tricks, methods
<i>methodeia</i>	(n) trial, experience, attempt
<i>diabolos</i>	Satan, adversary
<i>Satanas</i>	devil, slanderer, false accuser
<i>endunamoo</i>	trial, trying, proving
<i>dokimion</i>	be strong, strengthen, enable

- Write out **MAT 4:1**: *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (NKJ)*
When did this temptation happen to Jesus? Right after His Baptism in the Holy Spirit **Where** did Jesus go to be tempted? Into the wilderness **Who** led Jesus there for temptation? The Holy Spirit
What is the Greek word for 'tempted' here? peirazo For 'led up'? anago (to lead into)
- Read **LUK 4:1-15**. **Summarize the three temptations of Jesus by Satan while in the wilderness:**
 - When Jesus was hungry, Satan tempted him to command stones to become bread
 - Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, offering them to Him if He would worship Satan
 - Satan brought Jesus to the highest point of the Temple, & tempted Jesus to jump off
- How** did Jesus respond to each of Satan's temptations? By saying "IT IS WRITTEN, and then quote the Word of God tailored to each temptation How should YOU respond to Satan's temptations? In the SAME way, by quoting the Word right back to Satan. Satan has NO defense against the Word.
- Read **EPH 6:10-18**. **What** is the **Sword Of The Spirit**? in verse 17, the Word of God **What** is the Greek word for 'whole armor'? panoplia For 'word' in v17? rhema **Explain** how Jesus used the 'Sword of the Spirit' in fighting Satan's temptations: Rhema is the spoken Word of God, believed in the Heart, and empowered by the Spirit of God, that defeats the enemy, Satan. Satan throws his 'rhema' of lies, we throw back Gods 'RHEMA' of Truth !! Satan is powerless against God's anointed WORD !!
- Read **EXO 13:18-22**. Who led the Israelites into the wilderness? God, by the pillar of cloud by day & fire by night
What was the purpose of this time in the wilderness? (see **EXO 20:20**) to TEST the people, so they would learn to fear God, and to not sin. In essence, to refine, sanctify, and to train them.
- Write out **ICO 10:13**: No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (NKJ)
Write out **HEB 2:18**: For in that He Himself HAS SUFFERED, BEING TEMPTED, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (NKJ)
- HEB 4:15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in ALL points tempted as WE are, yet without sin. (NKJ)
In your own words, paraphrase this verse to compare how **Jesus** was tempted while on earth to how **WE** are tempted: Jesus came to earth as a MAN, flesh and blood, and was tempted in exactly the same ways that you and I are tempted. Satan predominately tempts you and I through thoughts, the world, through our flesh, & demonic influence. Jesus' temptations were no different than ours.
Are your temptations any different from the way Jesus was tempted? No, they are the same.
- LUK 1:80** So the child (John the Baptist) grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the desert (wilderness) till the day of his manifestation to Israel. (NKJ)
- JAM 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking nothing. (NKJ)
What is the Greek word for 'brethren'? adelphos For 'fall'? peripipto (fall into, fall among)
For 'trials'? peirasmos For 'perfect'? teleios (mature, complete, full age)
- JAM 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (NKJ)

13. **EXO 20:20** And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” (NKJ)
14. **DEU 8:2** “And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you ALL the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. (NKJ) (*See also JDG 2:21-23; 3:1-4, 1CH 29:17, 2CH 32:31, JOB 7:17, PSA 11:4-5, JER 17:10, ZEC 13:9, PRO 17:3, ECC 3:18, 1TH 2:4*)
15. **IPE 1:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (NKJ)
16. **2PE 2:9** then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgement, (NKJ)
17. **LUK 22:31** And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 “But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.” (NKJ)
18. **Why** did Jesus pray that Simon not go through this trial? **What** was its purpose? To teach Peter to trust in God’s strength, not in his own. Previously (MAT 26:31-35), Peter felt very confident that he would never deny Christ. Yet he later denied him three times. Jesus forgave Peter, and asked three times if Peter loved Him.
How might this apply to **YOU**? I have experienced times when I felt I would never fall into a certain sin, yet I later failed and found out I wasn’t strong at all in myself. Only THEN I gained a new perspective of God’s love and compassion, and His ability to keep me from falling.
19. **JOH 14:30** “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has (found) nothing in Me. (NKJ)
- T** F The purpose of temptations, tests, trials, and tribulations in our lives is to reveal to both God and ourselves any existing or potential areas of weakness, where Satan can get a foothold.
- T** F In **JOH 14:30**, Jesus was stating that Satan could find **NO** areas of weakness in Him, so Satan could **NOT** make Jesus sin.
20. **IPE 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. (NKJ)
- Write out **JAM 4:7**: Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

21-22. **From the handouts, fill in the blanks in the following table:**

The Scriptures speak of three types of "Trouble" for the believer:			
I.	<u>Temptations or Attacks from Satan</u>		
II.	<u>Tests, Trials, Persecutions & Suffering because we are Christians</u>		
III.	<u>Discipline, Judgment, or Rebuke from the Lord</u>		
So is this present trouble the Hand of the Lord in direct rebuke, or the promised testing of our faith, or are we being "had" by Satan? We should know, so we can respond accordingly.			
	TEMPTATION	TEST / TRIAL	DISCIPLINE
FROM	<u>World/Satan/Flesh</u>	<u>God or World/Satan/Flesh</u>	<u>God</u>
RESULT OF	<u>Pride or Exposure</u>	<u>Following God</u>	<u>Disobedience</u>
HOW TO DISCERN	<u>Leads Astray</u>	<u>Proves Faith</u>	<u>Fits Crime</u>
RIGHT RESPONSE	<u>Resist!</u>	<u>Persevere!</u>	<u>Repent!</u>
DO NOT	<u>Fall Into</u>	<u>Shrink Back</u>	<u>Make Light of</u>
GOD IS SAYING	<u>The Flesh is Weak</u>	<u>His Name is In Us</u>	<u>We Are Sons</u>
END WITH	<u>Sin or Victory</u>	<u>Death of Flesh & Glory</u>	<u>Fear & Holiness</u>

23. **REV 2:10** “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. (NKJ)
24. Write out **MAT 26:41**: “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (NKJ)
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **your** life? Answer for yourself.