

Same War, Different Battles

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James 1:2,12

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

12 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.

#1.

All Christians On This
Side Of Eternity Are
Subject To Temptations.

Revelation 21:7-9

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

⁹ And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Matthew 24:13

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

65-0221E - Who Is This
Melchisedec?

69 But, and look, clearly makes it clear, you will never be the Word unless you was a thought at the beginning. That proves the predestination of God. See?

You can't be the Word unless you're a thought. You had to be in the thinking, first. But, you see, in order to stand temptation, you had to bypass the theophany. You had to come down here in flesh, to be tempted by sin.

And then, if you stand, “All the Father hath given Me will come to Me, and I’ll raise him up at the last days.” See, you had to be first.

#2.

Overcoming Temptations
Leads To Crowning /
Temptations Are
Opportunities For
Crowning.

James 1:12

12 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.

#3.

We Draw Temptations
To Ourselves.

James 1:13-15

13 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:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Questions and Answers 64 –
0830e

Question Number 378.

Romans 7:14-18, “We know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

For that which I would do— not:
for what I would, that I would
not; but what I hate, that I do. If
then I do that which I would not,
I (c-a-n-...) un—unto the law,
consent to the law, that it is
good.

Now then, it is no more I that doeth it, but sin that dwelleth in me.” This I cannot understand.

.... Response in
Paragraph 36 & 37

64-0830E - Questions And
Answers #4

36 Somebody told me he had, one, one time, was converted, received the Holy Ghost, and he said to him, “How you getting along?”

And he said, “Pretty good and pretty bad.” He said, “Well, how do you mean pretty bad and pretty good?”

He said, “Well, since me receive the Holy Ghost,” he said, “there’s been two dogs in me, and one of them a black dog and one of them a white dog.” And said, “They argue all the time.”

Said, “They growl and fight at one another.” And said, “The white dog wants me to do good; the black dog wants me to do bad.” Said, “Well, Chief, which one of them wins the fight?”

37 Said, “That depends on which one Chief feeds the most.” So I think that’s a good answer here. See? There just depends on the warring of the body that’s in you;

it depends on which one you cater to, which nature you cater to, the carnal nature after the things of the world, or the spiritual nature after the things of God. That does it.

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Galatians 5:19 – 21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred,
variance, emulations, wrath, strife,
seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

#4.

Being Tempted Is Not
Sin, Heeding
Temptation Is What
Is Sin.

53-1205 - The Resurrection

28You can't help when you look to see an evil, but if you lust after it, you've already committed adultery. You turn your head.

The Holy Spirit makes you do that. Is that right? You might be tempted. Temptation is not sin. Heeding your temptation is sin. See? You can be tempted.

Christ was tempted like we are, but never sinned. So the Holy Spirit is God that helps us bear out the truth of God, and we're written epistles read of all man.

52-0715 - Faith In The Son Of God

22 Here not long ago, I was preaching in a Methodist church, one night, and I thought the Lord was firing me up good.

And I was just a preaching away, and I said, “You don’t go to hell because you get drunk. You don’t go to hell because you commit adultery.”

You don't go to hell because you smoke cigarettes, things like that.”
Some little old Methodist mother had just as much as she could stand, you know. She was setting there.

And jumps up to her feet (a great nice church) and said, “Reverend Branham, I resent that. What do you go to hell for?” I said, “Because you believe not.” That’s right. The Bible said, “He that believeth not is condemned already.”

Jesus said, “He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me has Everlasting Life and shall not come into condemnation, but’s already passed from death to Life.”

#5.

We Have Power To
Overcome
Temptations

Isaiah 59:19

¹⁹ So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

63-0321 - The Fourth Seal

150 That's the trouble today, some
of us don't get pressurized. We
explode too quick, you see, when
we're jumping.

And, but, we got to be pressurized.
151 When you get up there, and
have the keen sight of the eagle, to
see what's coming, and know what
to do. Now, the eagle age revealed
It.

Now we find out, that eagle age was promised in Revelation 10:7 and in Malachi...:1, 4. That would be in the last days, see, that's right, that it would be here. All right. Notice.

James 1:14

¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

62-0311 - The Greatest Battle Ever⁴⁷

Fought

56 Now, an army, when really an army, a nation makes ready to go against another nation, it should first set down and figure what's right and wrong, and whether they're able to go against the next nation or not.

Jesus taught that. And if people would do that, if the nations would—would sit down, and stop and think those things, both sides, we would have no more war.

57 Now, we find out, if a man doesn't do that, if the military heads of the nation doesn't sit down, first, and figure and see that they are right,

and their motives and objectives
right, and if they have enough
strength and power to
overcome the next army, then
they're sure to lose.

58 That's where General Custer made his fatal mistake. General Custer, as I understand, had orders from the government, not to go into the land of the Sioux, because it was a religious time for them.

It was a time of worship. They were having a feast. But Custer got drunk, and he thought that he would just do it anyhow. He would cross, whether it was orders or not orders.

And then they actually shot some innocent men, shot at them. I think they hit some of them. It was scouts, out, hunting for food, to feed their—their people while they were in worship.

And Custer, crossing, seen them, and thought they were after their side, and so they shot into these scouts. And these scouts escaped, got back. What did they do?

They armed themselves, and here they come. And that was the end of General Custer, because he didn't sit down and think, first.

59 He had no business there. He had no right to be there. He had pushed the Indians from the East Coast, all the way across the West, anyhow. And they had a treaty, but he broke the treaty. And when he broke the treaty, then he lost the battle.

60 And so a army, first, in getting ready for a battle, first there's got to be a select, some soldiers. They've got to be dressed for fighting. They've got to be trained for fighting.

62-0311 - The Greatest Battle Ever Fought

68 When this great battle started on earth, there had to be a mutual meeting place. There had to be a place selected for the battle to begin, and for the battle to rage.

And that battlegrounds begin in the human mind. There is where the battle starts. The human mind was chosen for the place of the battle, where it was begin, and that is because that decisions are made from the mind, the head.

Now, they never started it from some organization. They never started it from some mechanical affair. The grounds never started there.

Therefore, that organization can never, never do the work of God, because the battlegrounds, where you've got to meet your enemy, is in the mind. You've got to make your choice. It meets you.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The
Original Seed

163 What is it? The mind is the
womb for the spirit, (What?) to take
in or let out.

That's how they commit adultery, is taking, let some Satan, devil spirit put in them something against the Word of God. Then she's committed adultery.

164 Eve received...Listen to this.
Wrong seed-word, Satan's lie
against Jehovah's Word, results was
death.

#6.

We Can Make Mistakes,
But Are We Sincerely
Trying Not To?

63-1124M - What Shall I Do With Jesus Called Christ?

208In Hebrews 10, “If we sin
wilfully.” Sin is “unbelief.” “If we
unbelieve wilfully after we have
received the Truth, the knowledge
of the Truth.”

You don't have to receive It; just know about It. You don't have to have It, you just...Oh, no, no. See? Didn't say, "after we received the Truth."

...if we sin wilfully after we...received
the knowledge that it is the truth,
there remaineth no more sacrifice
for sins,

But a...fearful looking for...the fiery indignation,... shall devour the adversary, ...Because God said, Vengeance is Mine, and I will recompense, saith—saith the Lord.

62-0211 - Oneness

33 We know we make mistakes, but you mustn't look at that. It's not your mistakes, because you're always going to have them.

But, you see, it's following His Rules,
following what He said do. Stumble
and falling doesn't have one thing
to do with it. A real true servant, if
he'll stumble, he'll get up again.

If he wobbles, God pulls him right back in the path, as long as he's in the path of duty. But if he's off of the path of duty, God's not obligated to him.

But as long as he's in the path of duty, God's obligated to him, knowing that he's just a man or a woman. He's obligated to that person as long as they're in the path of duty.

#7.

Same War, Different
Battles

56-1125E - A Blushing Prophet

101 To see these young women coming, weeping, life before them! They're at the crossroads. They are victim of circumstances. What?

Do you realize, old men, when we were boys, our boys has got ten times the temptation that we had?

Sister, do you realize that your daughter has ten times the temptation you had when you was a girl? What will her daughter have? Look at the things, the pictures the devil is a painting.

Believers' in Generations

Generation Alpha	2011-2025	from the Prophet's 'Millennials and Generation Z'
Generation Z	1997-2010	... from the Prophet's 'Boomers and Millennials'
Millennials	1981-1996	... from the Prophet's 'Witnesses and Boomers'
Generation X	1965-1980	... from the Prophet's 'Witnesses'
Boomers	1946-1964	Received the Message from the Prophet

Reflection Points:-

1. What Is Your
Temptation What Can
You Do About It?

2. Because we do not exist in vacuums, what is your wife's, husband's, child's, grandchild's, neighbour's, etc's temptation and what can you do about it?

Could it be that all along you have been failing to recognize that the people around you are in a different battle from the one you are in much as you are in the same war?

Warning

1 Corinthians 10: 12

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Examples of Temptations

#The Lord

61-0213 - And Thy Seed Shall Possess The Gate Of His Enemies
51 He possessed every gate of temptation. Oh, how He did. He was a man. He was a man like you are, like I am.

He had a right to be married. He had a right to have a home. He had a right to the things that we have. He had a right to have clothes.

He could have done it. A man that could turn water into wine, that could know where a coin was in a fish's mouth, why, He owned the heavens and earth. But yet He abstained from those things.

Examples of Temptations

#The Prophet...1

57-0519A - Hear Ye Him

70 I remember the time standing at my latest temptation, my hardest. My wife was laying in the morgue, a corpse.

My little baby was laying dying. Healthy little child a few hours before, but it tookin' meningitis. And I went to the hospital. They had it in an isolated ward, and the flies was all over its little eyes.

I was just a young minister, about twenty-five years old, mother dead, the baby laying dying. I went in reverently, got down on my knees, and I said, “Lord God, what have I done?”

Has there been anything that I've done to transgress You? Are You doing this...Or, why You tearing my heart apart? Don't take my little baby." I said, "Lord, I love that little thing so much."....

Examples of Temptations

#The Prophet...2

57-0519A - Hear Ye Him

70 ...Don't take
my little baby." I said,
"Lord, I love that little thing so much."
She was just big enough that when I
come around the corner and blow the
horn,

she'd raise her little hands out and
go,

“Goo, goo, goo.” And I just love little
children.

And there she laid there.

The meningitis had drawn her, just in a few hours, her little blue eyes had crossed, her little hand trying to wave good-bye to me. Oh, I couldn't stand it. I thought, "Oh, God, what can I do?"

I knelt down to pray, and when I prayed, looked like a black sheet come down. God refused to hear me. What about that? I raised up and looked at the little thing.

Examples of Temptations

#The Prophet...3

57-0519A - Hear Ye Him

71 And Satan come to me. He said, “Now, will you serve Him? Now, what do you think about Him? Your daddy died about a—two weeks ago in your arms. A doctor killed him with a dose of medicine.”

Said, “Your brother, less than a month ago, was killed up there on a—on the road, and you picked him up and his blood running out of his body, where a drunk run over him.” Said, “There lays your wife down here in the morgue.

Examples of Temptations #The Prophet...4

57-0519A - Hear Ye Him

71And now, He's taking your baby out of your arms." Said, "You still love Him?" I said, "Though He slay me, yet I love Him."

If He sends me to hell at the judgment day, He's just. I love Him anyhow." Something happened one day down in my heart.

He'd put love in there. It's part of me. And it's more me than I am myself. I laid my hands over on her little head. I said, "God bless you, sweetheart, Sharry."

I am going to take you in a few minutes when you die and lay your little body on mama's arms. When I take you up there in the graveyard and I bury you. But daddy will see you again someday, sweetheart.”

Examples of Temptations – Common to All Generations

Remember, Temptation Is An
Opportunity For Us To
Choose The Way Of The Lord
On A Matter.

It Is A Test Where We Can
Fail Or Pass.

Familiarity With The Word

Numbers 12:1-3

1 Then Miriam and Aaron [a]spoke against Moses because of the [b]Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 So they said, “Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?” And the LORD heard *it*.

3 (Now the man Moses *was* very humble, more than all men who *were* on the face of the earth.)

Own Temperaments And Brethren

63-0623M - Standing In The Gap

121 ...“Do you remember what Brother Roberson told you in your dream, in his dream, or vision? That you had done like Moses. You’ve forgot the feeling of your people. You forgot the call that I called you to.”

122 I let the sick lay. I want the Lord to tell me where to go and not to. That's wrong. I had built myself a complex, because the people didn't hear my Message.

And if you'll...And God forbid that I'll try to compare the life of now like Moses', but it's exactly what Moses did.

The people wouldn't listen to him when he come to deliver them, so he just left them alone and went into the wilderness, but God turned him around. And he had long forgot the suffering people.

**Misfortunes And / Or
Difficult
Circumstances... 1**

Matthew 10:33

³³ But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Job 2: 9-10

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Misfortunes And/Or Difficult Circumstances... 2

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Misfortunes And / Or Difficult Circumstances... 3

63-0724 - God Doesn't Call Man To
Judgment Without First Warning
Him

149 And I—I—I don't know what caused me to do it, but I said,
“Lord God, You—

You owe me an understanding,”
(See?) “after me going out there an
d—and telling that husband,

and him
coming to the Lord after You done
these things for him, and all like
that, and then take that girl's life
like that.” I said,
“You owe me an understanding.”

God Caused/Allowed
The Prophet To Do That
For Our Example...

Misfortunes And/Or Difficult Circumstances... 4

63-0724 - God Doesn't Call Man To
Judgment Without First Warning Him

150 When you tell God something like that, He'll leave you sitting alone. I don't...He don't owe me nothing. I'm in debt to Him. Well, He just let me pout it out for a few days, you know.

And, after about three or four months, one day I was out on the creek bank and the Lord spoke to me in a vision,

and said, “Now go to her mother,
and say this to her mother, ‘Did not
her time come the year before that,
when she was drowning in a creek,
on a picnic?’

She should have went at that time, but I had to take her when she was ready to go.’ And that’s why all this happened and why you went out there.”

Money, Women (&Men) and Popularity

50-0820A - My Life Story

19 Here's three things that I've noticed in reading of other ministers. If this ever gets a hold of a minister, it's got him.

And there's a weak spot: money,
women, popularity. That's right.
Dodge the very appearance of it.
That's right.

Money... #1

Mark 10:25-27

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

²⁶ And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

²⁷ And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

We Know That The Disciples,
Including Jesus, Did Not Have
Great Possessions.

Why Were They Astonished At
The Saying?

The Prophet Paul Explains It...

Money... #2

'The temptation for us on money could be (common examples);-
Offering our bodies for a job – it is now very common.

Bribing

✓ Cheating and/or
stealing/unfair business
practice

Turning a blind eye to an evil
in order to keep our jobs or
business.

✓ Supporting LGBTQ, cigarette smoking and other evil ideas in the world for survival if we compared this with selling of dogs (Deuteronomy 23:18).

That Is Why The Disciples
Reacted As They Did, But
The Lord Said, There Will
Be Grace.

Money... #4

Revelations 3:17

¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

We Are Prone To Trust
In Riches Instead Of
Holding Up Faith.

Marriage As A Temptation

Revelations 3:17

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