

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Temptations

OUR FAMILY NEWS

New Sister: Joanne Kameroff was baptized Thursday evening November 1, 2018. Please welcome her to the family.

Pray For: Logan Decker's grandmother, she has leukemia. Abby has surgery scheduled for her hip on November 20, 2018, Herb and Jean Watson, Linda Cline, and Peggy.

Prayers Answered: Danesa's parents are doing better. Ben has returned safely. The singing last night at the Decker's was a success!

Pot Luck: At the Kelly's immediately after AM services today.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Tina Crawford is traveling outside, she expects to return on December 5, 2018. Paul Stone will be traveling outside for a week soon Dansea is outside visiting her parents. Carla, Weston and Bella are outside visiting family.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:" **2 Peter 2:9 (KJV)**

Today's Wisdom: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

Proverbs 1:10 (KJV)

Attendance Last Sunday: 88/74 Record: 101

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November 11th, 2018 BULLETIN for the



God's Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Temptations

All of us face temptations on a daily basis. It is one of the things that we can count on to continue to happen to us throughout our lives. The temptations may be incidental, like being in a hurry and running a stop light or speeding without thinking much about it. Or they may be significant. For example sitting at the computer late at night and being tempted to go to sites that are not appropriate for a Christian, or anyone for that matter, to visit. Regardless of the type of temptation, we will face many throughout the day every day of our lives.

When we think about a person being tempted, we often think of the three temptations of Jesus after He had spent 40 days in the wilderness. But Luke tells us that those weren't the only temptations that Jesus faced. Listen: *"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered."* **Luke 4:1-2 (KJV)** It is clear from this passage that Jesus was tempted the entire 40 days He was in the wilderness, then Satan presented Him with the three temptations that Luke and other writers specifically list. Those temptations are kind of summary of the temptations that Satan exposes all of us to. Satan first tried to tempt Jesus by appealing to his physical needs. He challenged Jesus to turn stones into bread if He were really the Son of God. Next he attempted to tempt Jesus to sin by calling on His desires for earthly wealth. Satan promised to give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, and therefore all their wealth, if He would only worship him. And finally, the third temptation was one where Satan tried to tempt Jesus by appealing to His pride. He tried to get Jesus to prove He was God's Son by throwing Himself off the pinnacle of the temple causing the angels to protect Him. We all know these three temptations, but the Bible is silent concerning those Jesus faced in the wilderness. But what we can know is that He faced the same temptations that we all face. In Hebrews 4:14-15 tells us that Jesus was tempted with the same temptations that we all face. And throughout it all, He remained sinless.

Satan uses temptations that he knows each one of us are susceptible to. When a person has no desire for alcoholic drink, Satan would be wasting his time to use that as a temptation. However, a person who drank alcohol prior to becoming a Christian is, at least for a period of time, subject to fall when being tempted with that. In the same way, a person who was prone to lying before becoming a Christian will be susceptible to lie when placed in difficult situations. And Satan will make sure that he/she is put in those situations. We can go on and on discussing different things that each one of us have a weakness for. It may be that some of us have a weakness for pornography, or stealing, or we may disrespect our parents, or we abuse our spouse or children. But

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whatever our weakness is, we can be sure that Satan will stumble across it and take full advantage of it in his attempts to separate us from God.

We often think that the temptations we face are so strong that we can not resist them. Or that Satan has found a way to tempt me that no one else has ever faced. But Paul tells us: *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer 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."* **1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)**

We can be comforted by this verse. Paul assures us that no matter the type of temptation, it is common to all humanity. Others have faced it before and more will after we are gone. And he then tells us that God will not allow us to be tempted in any way more than you can bear and with any temptation God will provide an escape. When tempted with drinking, a Christian can always walk away. When tempted with lying, we can always choose to tell the truth, it may hurt, it may be uncomfortable, but we can always choose not to lie. When faced with stealing, we can choose to put the item down and walk away. When faced with internet porn, we can always close the browser and turn off the computer or phone. The problem is that too often we do not want to resist the temptation. And our God will never force us to resist them, He wants us too, but He will never force us to choose to resist.

So....think about the temptations you face on a daily basis, or some that you face less often. Identify them, and then look for the escape that God provides you. Do this before you face them. If you are tempted by lying, think about it and make a decision to always tell the truth regardless of the consequences. Then when you are faced with a situation where you would lie, remember your plan and stick to it. If you are tempted by stealing, consider how God will give you a way to escape. It may be that you always go to the store with Christian friends or family that will help you to resist stealing. If you are tempted with internet porn, move the computer to the living room and leave your phone in plain sight of your wife or husband.

But remember how Jesus dealt with the temptations of Satan. His answers were always "It is written". Study, pray, and confess your faults and remember *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* **James 4:7 (KJV)**