

**"WHEN MEETING  
TEMPTATION, TURN  
TO THE RIGHT."**

## **Always a Way of Escape**

*Author Unknown*

There is a place in the Hudson River where, as you sail, you seem to be entirely hemmed in with hills. The boat drives on toward a rocky wall, and it seems as if it must either stop or be dashed to pieces. However, as you come within the shadow of the mountain, an opening is suddenly discovered, and the boat passes out into one of the grandest bays on the river.

So it is with temptation. You are not to seek it, not to enter into it; God promises no way out in such a case. But, if it meets you on your Heavenward journey, you are to go straight on, though you see no way out. God does not promise "... a way to escape ..." (I Cor. 10:13) until the temptation actually comes. The way will reveal itself in due time, if you only keep on. Remember, that as in the river, the beautiful bay lies just around the frowning rock. So often your sweetest and best experience in life lies just

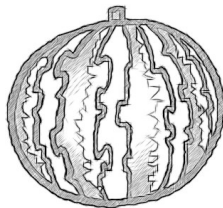
behind your most threatening temptation.

## **Making Provision**

*W. B. Knight*

One day Bob was given definite instruction by his mother not to go swimming in the nearby pond. Shortly afterward, Bob was to pass the pond enroute to the ballpark. He took along with him his bathing suit, just in case he was tempted. He made provision for the flesh to fail.

It was different for an older man. He knew what tempted him and how he would react. "When I pass a watermelon patch, I can't keep my mouth from 'waterin', but I CAN RUN".



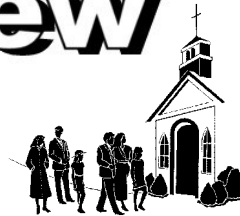
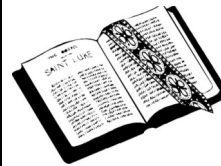
**"BUT PUT YE ON THE  
LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
AND MAKE NOT  
PROVISION FOR THE  
FLESH, TO FULFIL THE  
LUSTS THEREOF."**

*Rom. 13:14*

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## **The Weapon Against Temptations**

*Bill Brinkworth*

All people on this earth face temptations at one time or the other.



We quite often have an opportunity to choose if we are going to do what God would have us do, or ignore His desires and do our own thing. Jesus, when He was on this earth was not exempt from facing similar trials and temptations. The most famous of Jesus' trials is found in Luke 4 where Jesus was tempted by the devil.

Although most of us will not rank the personal attention of Satan's temptations, we can learn how to face our temptations by following Christ's example. What gave Christ the victory then, will help us succeed today.

Notice that in all three testings (Luke 4:1-13) Jesus faced, He was victorious. We can win when we are tempted to sin. We do not have to succumb to the

impulse to lie, cheat, deceive, commit adultery, or any other weakness our flesh wants to give in to.

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## **There's A Battle Out There!**

*Bill Brinkworth*

One of the most important principles for a Christian to understand is that there is a spiritual battle going on. Most of the assault is invisible, but the war against God and His followers rages.

*"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."*

*Ephesians 6:12*

Peter closed his letter in I Peter with a similar warning. *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."*

*I Peter 5:8*

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Also, notice that none of Jesus' trials were won by smart answers, reasoning with the enemy, or compromising. They were won by simply quoting and abiding by biblical principles.

When Jesus was tempted to turn the stones into bread, He simply quoted Deuteronomy 8:3, "...make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live." Satan attacked again and tried to tempt Jesus by offering power and the things of this earth. Christ's defense was again Scripture, "...Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve ..." Deut. 10:20.

By the third temptation, Satan knew how Jesus would fend him off. Satan attempted to counter with Scripture. Satan's misquoting and misusing of God's Word (Psalm 91:11), did not hamper Jesus. Jesus simply quoted Deuteronomy 6:16: "Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God ...".

The key to facing a temptation is not running from it, ignoring it, or giving in to it. It is determining if it is wrong, and if so, sticking to the guidelines giv-

en in the Bible. That is why it is so important to daily read and study God's Word. You never know what trials and temptations you will face today. When you do face them, will you know what God's Word says about the trial you are facing? Do you know Scripture well enough to make it your protection, and guide through the pitfalls you will face?

## There's A Battle Out ...

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Many Christians trust Christ as Saviour, but that is as far as the relationship goes. They never see there is a battle all about them, and that they are caught up in it even before they realize they are a casualty.

A Christian cannot lose his salvation in the battle. It is already bought and paid for. His name was already written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. However, a Christian can have his testimony destroyed in the foray. That is the intent of the enemy, Satan. He cannot take a saved man to hell with him, but he can make sure the child of God is of no use to the cause of Christ. If he can wound one of God's warriors, that Christian will be out of the battle, at least

temporarily.

Sadly, Satan has won many battles. There are many, many Christians that have gotten saved, but the "roaring lion" sought them and devoured their zeal and testimony. He may have pounced on a Christian's pride and sent the child of God permanently home from church, because his feelings were hurt. The adversary may have crippled a babe-in-Christ by making it seem like the Word of God was too hard for him to understand; so the believer never read the Bible for himself and was weakened by spiritual ignorance. Perhaps the enemy used the ploy of leading the Christian to a dead, or liberal church; and the child of God never grew because he was not spiritually fed. It does not even surprise me that the enemy lets believers read a modern perversion of the Word of God, so they never hear all the Truth. They are also weakened because they were not fed meat from God's Word.

There are thousands and thousands of weapons in the enemy's war chest. Satan hates God and the things of God. Satan's main purpose is to make sure that the cause of Christ is hampered. Sadly, he has succeeded with his attacks on many attempting to live for Christ.

We have been warned. There is a battle for the souls of man and for the disarming of Christian soldiers all about us. However, if the spiritual armor de-

**"You cannot win the war, if you are not even in the battle."**

scribed in Ephesian 6 is spiritually donned, we can be victorious in the battle for the cause of Christ. With God's help we can overcome the trials and temptations we may face. "Whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world,"

*1 John 5:4*

## Satan Knows

*T. Watson, 1871*

The devil does not know the hearts of men, but he may feel their pulse, know their temper, and so accordingly can apply himself. As the farmer knows what seed is proper to sow in such soil, so Satan, finding out one's temper, knows what temptation is proper to sow in such a heart. Satan tempts the ambitious man with a crown, the sanguine man with beauty, the covetous man with a wedge of gold. He provides savory meat, such as the sinner loves.

**"The temptations of Satan, which he intended for their destruction, frequently become jewels to adorn the crowns of God's people, before the eternal throne."**

**"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 Cor. 10:13*