

Matthew 7 – The New Adam versus the Old Serpent

Matthew 4:1-11

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): The key to resisting temptation is in trusting God and His Word

- **The Fall**
 - Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate
 - Good for Food – desires of the flesh
 - Doriani: “Temptation invites a man or woman to take something that is good, when for some reason the person tempted does not have the right to that good thing or cannot, at that moment, use it properly.”
 - Delight to the eyes – More than just pretty fruit – temptation of knowledge
 - The tree was to be desired to make one wise – know good and evil – you will be like God
- **Temptation of Christ**
 - **Hebrews 2:17-18** *Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.* ¹⁸ **For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.**
 - Stones into bread – indulging the flesh
 - Throw yourself from the temple
 - Worship Satan
- **Jesus resists the temptation**
 - Jesus trusts His physical well-being to God
 - Jesus lives by faith and not by sight
 - Jesus will not take the place of God
- **Conclusion**
 - Three defenses Jesus makes against Satan all have one key thing in common
 - Trusting God
 - Physical needs, living by faith instead of sight, taking up your cross to follow Him

Adam and Eve's temptation	Christ's temptation	Nature of Temptation	Christ's resistance
Good for food	Stones into bread	Desires of the Flesh	Deuteronomy 8:4 Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.
Delight to the eye	Throw self from temple	Desires of the Eyes/Knowledge	Deuteronomy 6:16 You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.
Tree was to be desired to make one wise	Worship Satan	Desire to be like God	Deuteronomy 6:13 It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.