

“Properly Handling Temptation”

Matt. 4:1-11

Christ made Satan a failure when he tried to get Jesus to sin. What can we learn about temptation and how Satan can be made to be a failure in our lives?

I. The Certainty of Temptation (4:1)

A. Christ's Temptation

- Satan's purpose - To make Christ sin
- God's purpose - To show He would not sin and could not sin

B. Our Temptation

- Our battle is with the world, the flesh and the devil

II. The Challenge of Temptation (4:2-10; cp. 1 Jn. 2:16)

A. Appeals to our flesh

B. Appeals to our pride

C. Appeals to our desires

III. Conquering Temptation (4:11)

A. Christ's Example

- Followed the Spirit
- Used the Scriptures

B. Christ's Compassion

- Christ feels for us (Heb. 4:15; 2:18)
- Christ forgives us