



# “Overcoming Temptation” Sun Sept 13, 2020

## I. *James 1:12-17*

- “Let no man say when he is tempted (TESTED or IN A TRIAL) that he is being tested by God”
- **Who is the Tempter/Tester?**
- **Why do tests come?**

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| - <i>Knowing your enemy is the beginning of knowing how to overcome him</i>  |
| - <i>Too many Christians are ignorant when it comes to the devices of their enemy;</i>   |
| - <i>Satan preys upon your weaknesses; everyone is tempted and everyone has failed....but today is a new day; you will learn to be the master over your enemy and you will overcome!</i> |

## II. *I John 2:15-17*

1. The breakdown of how Satan tempts us (he has no new tricks)
  - Lust of the flesh
  - Lust of the eyes
  - Pride of Life
2. How Satan uses these 3 areas against us (**James 1:14-15**)
  - \* Drawn Away... Enticement...Conception...Sin...Death
  - \* Adam – **Genesis 3:6** (Good for food, pleasant to the eyes, will make one wise)
  - \* Jesus – **Luke 4:3-13** (Stones into bread, showed him the kingdoms, challenge To Test His Identity)

## III. How Do I Overcome?

1. The First thing to Know is that you were created to dominate rather than to be dominated (**Genesis 4:5-7**)
  - **Feelings are a major area of weakness that Satan preys upon** (This is why we Are commanded to “be angry and sin not”, and to “put on the garment of Praise for the spirit of heaviness...”)
  - **Notice: all 3 areas of temptations are connected to what you See**
2. The Second thing to Know is that God always makes a way (**I Cor. 10:13**)
3. The Third and Final thing: Speak The Word (It Is Written)
  - \* Satan tempts you in the area of your thoughts; he does not have the power to “Make” you do anything!
  - \* How do you cast those thoughts down? Answer: Use something more powerful (Words)