

wvc "Overcoming Temptation" part 2 Sept 20, 2020

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

- Reiterate the importance of knowing who is for you and who is against you - **Romans 8:31-32** "Since God is for me, nothing can stand against me!"
- Many well known "christian" songs confuse people concerning trials and tribulations in this life:
 - * **Praise You In This Storm** – "As your mercy falls, I raise my hands and praise the God who gives and takes away."
 - * **Trust In You** – "When you don't move the mountains I needed you to move; when You Don't part the waters I wish I could walk through; When you don't give the Answers as I cry out to you....I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in you."
 - * **Bring The Rain** – "Bring me joy, bring me peace, bring the chance to be free; bring Me anything that brings you glory. And I know there'll be days when this life Brings me pain; but if that's what it takes to praise you, Jesus bring the rain."
 - * **Blessings** – "What if your blessings come through rain-drops, what if your healing Comes through tears; What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to Know you're near. What if trials of this life are your mercies in disguise."

- **God is not the tester....He is the deliverer; God is not the one who brings weakness...He brings us power; God is not the one who destroys...He is the one who brings us life**

- **How can you trust someone who causes you pain?**

II. Areas of temptation that all believers must be alert to

1. **John 2:16** – Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life
2. 3 gotchas – Pride, Money, Sex (look at people in ministry and people in power)
3. Other areas of temptations that are at the top of the list:
 - * **Anxiety or Worry** – 60% of Americans bow to this temptation daily
 - * **Over-eating** – 55% are often or sometimes overwhelmed by the temptation to Eat too much
 - * **Overuse of electronics & social media** – 44% admit they fall to the temptation Of overusing facebook, television, and video games.
 - * **Addictions** (Alcohol, Nicotine, Pornography)

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

- ***Remember, Satan is looking for that weak moment to try to Draw You Away, Entice You, Bring Conception to Sin that Causes Separation from the Presence of God!***

2. The Second thing to Know is that God always makes a way (***1 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)**

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