

FATAL ATTRACTIONS: Checkmate for Twisted Temptations

LUKE 4:9-13

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Checkmate for Twisted Temptations:

1. Discern the Twisting of God's _____ (9-12).

2. Correct Twisted Teaching with the _____ (12).

3. Don't Confuse Respite with _____ (13).

Luke 4:9-13 (ESV)

“And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ ¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Are there verses in the Bible that Satan has twisted and caused you to misunderstand, resulting in bondage, fear, or confusion? Which verses? How did you come to understand those verses and gain freedom? If you've not had resolution, what should you do?
2. What are some of the miserable results of someone duped by false teaching that twists scripture? Have you seen or experienced these results personally?
3. This third temptation differs from the first two of bread and prosperity. What is it that makes this temptation so charming? In other words, what is the insidious element of this temptation that is added to the first temptations?
4. This passage reminds us that the minute we lay down our Bible, we become vulnerable. How will you commit to routinely studying God's word? If you're already engaged in the daily Bible reading, there is always more depth to grow in. What's your next step?
5. **Practice your discernment by reading and rightly interpreting this famous verse, *Philippians 4:13*.** How has this verse been twisted in our times? What is the true meaning of this verse? And, how can we avoid the deceiving misinterpretation of this passage?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Bryan Chapell



"We should not assume that, because God promises to provide a way out of temptation, we have no role in our own rescue. God always provides a way of escape, but He may also require great effort from us. We take advantage of the way of escape God provides by exerting every resource He gives us to fight the enemy... To increase our faith and strengthen our character, God more often allows us to escape temptation by using the means of grace always available to us: conscientiously seeking God's power and instruction through prayer, meditation on His Word, and the counsel of mature Christians are never passive endeavors."