



**“DEALING WITH TEMPTATION”** Msg. #7  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Introduction:**

**I. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ temptation. vv.1-3a**

- A. Temptation can come to \_\_\_\_\_—but those who belong to God realize He allows it for His purposes.
- B. Temptation can come at \_\_\_\_\_—but most notably at the end or beginning of something special.
- C. Temptation can come \_\_\_\_\_—but most particularly in the lonely or difficult places of our lives.

**II. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan’s strategies and what to do when we are confronted by them. vv.3b-10**

- A. A common strategy is to tempt us to go after something now that isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s Word or our relationship with Him. v.3b
1. When we are tempted this way, we need to affirm that true satisfaction comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word. v.4

- B. A common strategy is to tempt us to put God to some kind of test in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ something to ourselves or others. vv.5-6

1. When we are tempted this way, we need to remember not to test the Lord with doing something foolish and hoping he will \_\_\_\_\_ us out. v.7

- C. A common strategy is to tempt us to take a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ when committing to God’s will. vv.8-10

1. When we are tempted this way, we need to remain surrendered to God in sincere \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. v.10

**III. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves that it’s worth it to not give in. v.11**

(Key: I.anticipate; I.A.anyone; I.B.anytime; I.C.anywhere; II.aware; II.A.consistent; II.A.1.knowing/obeying; II.B.prove; II.B.1.bail; II.C.short-cut; II.C.1.worship/service; III.assure)