

Overcoming Temptation

I Cor. 10:12-13

• **Introduction**

- I Cor. 10:12-13 → Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

- Here we find a serious warning and a great promise.
- Warning: We must beware of falling. (v-12; Heb. 3:12; Gal. 5:4; Acts 8)
- Great Promises:
 - All temptations are common to man.
 - No temptation is too hard to resist.
 - God provides a way to escape temptation.
 - We can overcome temptation with God's help.
- "Temptation" used in two ways:
 - James 1:2 → various trials, difficulties, persecutions, i.e. that test or prove our faith. (I Pet. 1:6-7; Heb. 12:5-12)
 - James 1:12-15 → Enticements that lead to sin.
 - The temptation to sin is not from God. (James 1:13)
 - These are the work of Satan

• **The Nature of Temptation**

- The enticements to sin are of the Devil.
 - (Matt. 4:1; I Thess. 3:5; I Pet. 5:8)
 - Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. (Js. 1:14)
- Temptation is not sin, but may lead to sin.
 - Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15)
 - It is the yielding to temptation that constitutes sin. (Js. 1:13-15)
- The avenues of temptation:
 - The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life.
 - I Jn. 2:15-17
 - Gen. 3:1-6; Matt. 4:1-11

• **The Way of Escape...**

- Christ is our example: (I Pet. 2:21-22; Matt. 4)
- We must plant God's word in our heart. (Ps. 119:11)
- We must put on the whole armor of God. (Eph. 6:10-18)
- We must pray for awareness of danger and strength. (Matt. 26:41)
- We must flee from temptation. (II Tim. 2:22)
- We must seek God's forgiveness. (Act 8:21-24; I Jn. 1:8-2:2)