

Seeking Comfort over Joy

Luke 4:9-3, Deuteronomy 6:13

Next Week, March 9: Keys to Overcoming Temptation

Memory Verse: *Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

—Luke 4:12

1. Satan **interprets** God's Word.

"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written:"

—Luke 4:9b-10a

Satan tells the lie that we tell ourselves and Job's friends told him.

Christians never suffer.

Comfort and ease describe the Christian life.

Paul's thorn in the flesh,

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

Trials in James

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. — James 1:2-3

2. Jesus used His power according to God's Will.

Jesus' Responds to Temptation and Trial

- I will follow God's Will.
- I will not act as prompted by Satan.
- I will not act to save myself struggle.
- I will maintain my relationship with God as all costs.

3. Jesus would not test God's Presence.

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The world measure's God's presence by:

- Comfort and ease.
- Thrill of experience.
- Success.

Jesus measured success by: (John 15:9-11)

- His relationship to God
- Obeying God's will

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