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Scripture Reading – Matthew 4:1-11 KJV

Main Idea – The only way to overcome the devil’s temptations and/or spiritual attacks is by “being strong in the Lord and the power of His might” (Ephesians 6:10-11).

Memory Verse - 1 John 2:15-17

Point to Ponder – We can only be tempted with the lust that is already within us. However, relying on the Word of God is more than enough to overcome it (James 1:14).

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Let’s examine 4 important areas in Matthew & Luke’s accounts about overcoming temptation:

I. *Lust of the flesh (Matthew 4:2-3).*

- a) Galatians 5:16-21 –
- b) James 1:13-15 –
- c) Colossians 3:5 –
- d) Romans 13:14 –

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II. *Lust of the eyes (Matthew 4:5-6).*

- a) Genesis 3:6 -
- b) Matthew 6:22-23 -
- c) Matthew 18:8-9 -
- d) Job 31:1 -

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III. *The pride of life (Matthew 4:8-9).*

- a) James 4:6 –
- b) Proverbs 16:18 –

c) Jeremiah 9:23-24 –

d) 1 Peter 5:6 –

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IV. Overcoming temptation (Matthew 4:4, Matthew 4:7 & Matthew 4:10).

a) Ephesians 6:10-11 -

b) Ephesians 6:17b -

c) 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 -

d) Hebrews 4:12 -

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Famous Quote: *“Too many Christians have a commitment of convenience. They'll stay faithful as long as it's safe and doesn't involve risk, rejection, or criticism. Instead of standing alone in the face of challenge or temptation, they check to see which way their friends are going.” - Dr. Charles Stanley*