

The Lord's Supper

Jesus
Teaches Us How
To Resist Temptation

PART 2



OUR DAILY BREAD

Junior Edition

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

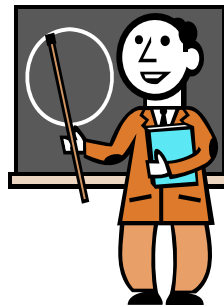
(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

We have been studying what God's answer is to a very important question.

How can we resist temptations such as drugs & alcohol?

Some of our teenage students here at Grace Christian Fellowship Church asked the question. In our past few lessons, we've been looking into our King James Bible to find God's answer to this question, & God's written Word to us has taught us quite a bit so far. And as we said last week, all good teachers give their students

REAL
EXAMPLES!



to DEMONSTRATE whatever it is that they are teaching. The examples help the students see HOW whatever it is they happen to be learning works in real life! This helps the students SEE what they need to do when they run into the same problem or situation. It helps the students SEE what the results are when they do things the way the teacher instructed them. This way, the students can EXPECT that when they do things the same way - that is when they obey the teacher's instructions - they will get the same good results!

Well, as we said, God is the BEST TEACHER OF ALL. And God loves us so much that He actu-

ally came down from heaven & clothed Himself in a human body to PERSONALLY give us the BEST REAL EXAMPLES of how we should handle EVERY situation! Jesus IS God. He is God who came down from heaven, entered a human body specially prepared for Him by His Father not only so He could take our place on the cross to pay for our sins, but also to show us what God is like & how we should live. And as we all know, temptations are part of ALL of our lives. And so, Jesus Himself has PERSONALLY shown us how to RESIST them!

Now realize also, that even if you are one who has already given in to such temptations as drug & alcohol abuse & your life has become a mess - a heavy burden - TODAY IS A NEW DAY! Jesus has ALREADY PAID for that sin! He STILL LOVES YOU! He wants to HELP YOU by showing you HOW you can RESIST the next time you are tempted. He wants to take that mess you've made & give you a wonderful life instead! Only He can do that for you! Romans 8:28 KJB. Satan uses all his temptations to try to destroy our lives. But Jesus came to give you A WONDERFUL LIFE filled with HIS GOODNESS! John 10:10 KJB Jesus also wants you to know that He will give you the POWER & THE STRENGTH to resist even when you feel so weak on your own to do so! All we have to do is GO TO JESUS & LEARN FROM HIM & DO THINGS HIS WAY!

Here is what Jesus calls out to you today:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me: for I am meek and lowly in



heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 KJB

Remember, Jesus is the **ONLY ONE** who can save your soul from the eternal lake of fire. Acts 16:31, 2Timothy 2:3-6 KJB Jesus is the **ONLY ONE** who can **FREE YOU** from a mess such as drug or alcohol addiction! So **TODAY** let's open our King James Bible & learn how **JESUS RESISTED TEMPTATION!**

And by the way, today is an excellent day to study Jesus' temptation in the desert because today we are celebrating

THE LORD'S SUPPER!



We will **EAT THE BREAD** to **REMEMBER** how the **BODY** of Jesus Christ was beaten & broken as He paid for the sins of **ALL MANKIND!** We remember how Jesus NEVER SINNED; yet He came down from heaven to pay for **OUR** sins!

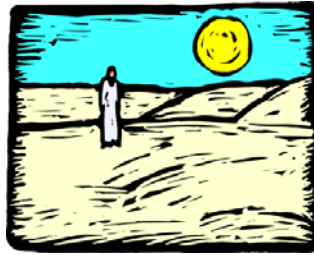


We will **DRINK THE CUP** to **REMEMBER** the **BLOOD** that Jesus shed for us as He paid for the sins of **ALL MANKIND!**

So let's CONCENTRATE ON JESUS now & **LEARN FROM HIM** what **WE TOO** should do to **Resist temptations - ALL temptations even drugs & alcohol!**

Here is what happened to Jesus during one of the

times that He faced temptation from SATAN HIM-SELF - who is the AUTHOR OF ALL TEMPTAION to do EVIL!



“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”

Matthew 4:1 KJB

Did you see who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan? That scripture tells us that THE SPIRIT OF GOD led Jesus up there! See Job 1. It tells us that in our lives, God may purposely allow us to be “tempted or tested” by Satan. But remember, God’s main purpose in allowing the test, is to help us gain stronger faith in Him as we see how POWERFUL & FAITHFUL He is to help us when we OBEY HIM as we face the test or temptation. On the OTHERHAND, Satan’s purpose in the temptation is to get us to DISOBEY GOD, which in the long run, will definitely lead us to a MESSED UP LIFE! (And most often, we don’t even have to wait to be all messed up. Some sins or acts of disobeying God cause us IMMEDIATE MESSES! The best thing we can do in this life is BELIEVE IN JESUS & OBEY HIM!) Let’s see Jesus’ example.

Matthew 4:2 KJB

“And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.”

First of all, we see that in that desert, Jesus had not eaten for 40 days & 40 nights. That scripture tells us he was HUNGRY after all that fasting. Now if you have ever gone without food for even ONE DAY - or even for HALF A DAY, you know that without food, eventually you feel

PHYSICALLY WEAK!

And many times that physical weakness causes us to have a hard time even THINKING RIGHT!



Well, the bible tells us that Jesus was hungry & later in that passage angels were sent to minister to Jesus - to help him. So if we put those 2 things together, we can say that Jesus' hunger most likely left Him feeling PHYSICALLY weak & later the angels may have brought Him food. But what about His THINKING! Well, let's see what happened next in Matthew 4:3-11 KJB

"And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command these stones be made bread."

Satan is NOT STUPID! He is VERY INTELLIGENT! He didn't try to tempt Jesus until he knew Jesus was HUNGRY & feeling in NEED OF FOOD! And that is what Satan will do to us too. He'll wait until we're feeling down about something. For instance, maybe you feel like you don't fit in with others. Maybe you feel nervous about something or upset. That is exactly when Satan will send someone along to offer you DRUGS or ALCOHOL with THE LIE that those things will

make you feel better.

Well, of course there is nothing wrong with eating bread! But while it is TRUE that eating BREAD would have made Jesus feel better PHYSICALLY, Jesus would have been disobeying God's will for Him at that time if he did what Satan demanded. You see, Satan's REAL temptation was to get Jesus to turn those stones into bread to PROVE that He was the Son of God! Now you might be asking: "What was wrong with that?" Well, in GOD'S PLAN for Jesus, this time in the desert was NOT the time for Jesus to PROVE that He was the Son of God. This time in the desert was the time for Jesus to suffer hunger to PROVE that GOD'S WORD is what we need to RESIST TEMPTATIONS OF ALL KINDS! Jesus would PROVE He was the Son of God when He ROSE FROM THE DEAD! That was the time God had for Jesus to PROVE beyond a doubt that He IS GOD! You see, ONLY GOD can cause a DEAD BODY to come alive again & Jesus said that HE WOULD RAISE HIMSELF FROM THE DEAD! And Jesus did just that at the EXACT RIGHT TIME God His Father wanted Him too! Read John 2:19-22 KJB So let's see now what Jesus did to RESIST SATAN'S temptation to get Jesus to DIS-OBEY God His Father.



"But he (Jesus) answered and said, It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

What did Jesus do? He QUOTED SCRIPTURE!
He USED GOD'S WRITTEN WORD to tell Satan

even though he may be hungry, there is something **MORE IMPORTANT** than satisfying hunger at certain times. What is that **MORE IMPORTANT THING**? It is **OBEYING GOD'S WORD ALWAYS** - even when it would seem much easier to satisfy our hungers at that moment, whether hunger for food, or to feel accepted or to calm our nerves. God promises that **ALL THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM** to provide for their needs - their physical needs, their emotional needs, their need to be accepted - will **NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED - NEVER!** See **Philippians 4:19 KJN**. The apostle Paul knew this very well. He knew that there would be times when God's plan for him would **INCLUDE HUNGER & NEED** just as there would be times in God's plan for him when he would have **LOTS TO EAT!** And Paul learned from Jesus that the **ONLY WAY TO RESIST TEMPTATION** to disobey God in any situation, is to **OBEY GOD'S WORD ALWAYS!** See **Philippians 4:12-13 KJB**.

Well, in that desert where it was time for Jesus to suffer temptation from Satan, Satan tempted Jesus to disobey God 2 more times. But each time, Jesus simply answered: **IT IS WRITTEN!** Each time, Jesus used God's Word & **OBEYED IT** to resist Satan! And finally, Satan **FLED AWAY**. Of course, the Bible tells us that Satan tempted Jesus on other occasions too. He never gives up! But every time we **OBEY God's Word to RESIST** each temptation, here is what happens:

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7 KJB Jesus **SHOWED** us

that **THIS IS SO!** Let's **LEARN** from **HIM** & **DO** the same!



Grace Christian Fellowship

Pastor John A. Ricci

Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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Directions

From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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