

Postured Into Repentance

Temptation – Satan’s tool to turn us (away from)

- **Temptation of Adam and Eve** Genesis 3:1-8
 - Turn away from the person of God
 - Turn away from the purpose of God
 - Ultimately led to their turning from being God servers to self-serving
- **Temptation of God’s people** Numbers 14:3-4

*Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better **to return to Egypt**? So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader **and return to Egypt** (go back into slavery in Egypt).”*

- **Temptation through the disciple(s)** Matthew 16:21-23
- **Temptation of His disciple(s)** Luke 22:31-34
- **Temptation of Jesus** Luke 4:1-13

Three realms of temptation Luke 4

- **Temptation to put one's primary focus on human "hungers"** vs. 3-4
 - A turning toward the fulfilling of one's human desires instead of His
 - The temptation is to make material things our focus
- Response:

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world – the wanting of your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important – has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from Him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out – but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity. 1 John 2:15-17

- **Temptation to become dissatisfied with God's course of action**
(ways of fulfillment) vs.5-8

- A turning from dedication to doubt that leads to disillusionment that leads to disconnect
- Allowing Satan to frame (in one's mind) how God should do/fulfill/answer

- Response:

My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

- **Temptation to question the Father's character** vs. 9-12

- A turning from trust to mistrust.....
- Try God (Leads to putting God on trial to prove Himself)

- **Response:**

- Mal 3:6-7

"For I am the Lord-I do not change. That is why you are not already utterly destroyed [for my mercy endures forever]. "Though you have scorned my laws from earliest time, yet you may still return to me," says the Lord Almighty. "Come....."

- John 3:16-17

Repentance Matthew 4:17

*Now repent – **change your** mind and attitude toward God and **turn to him** – so he can cleanse away your sins and send you wonderful times of refreshment from His presence and He will send you Jesus, whom He has appointed Christ. Acts 3:19-21*

***Share...in** the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling (Divine employment), not according to our works (our performance), but according to His own purpose and grace (his impartation) which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began (before He ever created this world). 2 Timothy 8b-9*