

INTRODUCTION: CHRISTMAS & TEMPTATION?!

- A. WELL-INTENTIONED ERROR** (Mt.6:13; see Acts 6:4; 1Tm.4:12f; 5:17)
- B. THE PURPOSES OF THE INCARNATION** (“for us”; 2Cor.5:21; Heb.10:4,5; Jn.1:12)
- C. THE SIXTH PETITION; THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL** (Mt.6:13; Lk.11:4; see Lk.2:11)
 - 1. He entered into temptation *for us* (Mt.6:13a; 12/17/17)
 - 2. He overcame evil *for us* (Mt.6:13b; 12/24/17)

EXPLANATION: TEMPTATION IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

- A. GOD DOES NOT TEMPT US TO SIN** (Jms.1:13-15; see Rom.3:4f)
- B. GOD DOES LEAD HIS PEOPLE INTO VERY HARD TESTING FOR HIS PURPOSES** (Jms.1:12; 1Pt.5:6-11; see 1Cor.11:28; 2Cor.13:5)
 - 1. Adam & Eve (Gen.3:1f; see Rom.5:14; 1Cor.15:22f)
 - 2. Job (Job 1:8; 2:3; see c.38-42)
 - 3. Abraham (Gen.22:1f; Heb.11:17f)
 - 4. Wilderness (Ex.15:25; 20:20; Dt.8:2,16)
 - 5. David (2Sam.11:1f, etc.; see 2Sam.24:1f & 1Chr.21:1f; yet 1Sam.24:10; see Hezekiah, 2Chr.32:31)
 - 6. Jesus (Mt.4:1f,3; Lk.8:13; see Mt.16:1,23; Lk.22:42; 40,46; Heb.2:18; 4:15)
 - 7. Apostles (Jn.6:6f, see 60)
 - 8. Peter (Lk.22:31; 40,46; 55f, 61; see Gal.2:11)
 - 9. Paul (2Cor.12:7; see Job 2:1f,7,9)
- C. GOD LEADS US INTO HARD TESTING FOR HIS PURPOSES** (Mt.6:13; 1Th.3:5; Rev.2:10 /1Pt.1:7)
- D. WE HAVE POWER TO RESIST IN CHRIST** (Heb.4:15f; 2:14f,18; see Rom.8:17; 6:4; 1Cor.10:13; 2Cor.12:7f,10; 1Pt.5:10)
- E. WE ARE TAUGHT TO ASK TO BE SPARED FROM THIS HARD TESTING** (Mt.6:13; Lk.11:4; see Mt.26:39; 41,69; Ps.19:13)
- F. WE ARE WARNED NOT TO PUT OURSELVES INTO TEMPTATION’S PATH** (Mt.4:1f, 5f; Gal.6:1; 1Tm.6:9)

EXHORTATION: TRUST CHRIST WHEN GOD LEADS YOU INTO SEVERE TESTING!

- A. REJOICE! JESUS CAME TO SUFFER TEMPTATION FOR YOU!** (Lk2:11; 2C5:21; Hb4:15f; 2:14f,18)
- B. LET THE SPIRIT SPEAK THROUGH HIS OWN WORD!** (Acts 28:25; 2Tm.3:14-17; 2Pt.1:20f)
- C. PRAY FOR FAITHFUL TEACHING & PREACHING!** (Acts 6:4; 1Tm.4:12f; 2Tm.2:2; 3:14f)
- D. WATCH & PRAY!** (Lk.11:4(Mt.6:13); 22:31,32; 40,46; Ps.19:13 /1Cor.10:12,13; Gal.6:1; 1Th.3:5; 1Pt.5:8f(Gn3:1f))
- E. REST IN CHRIST WHEN YOU ARE SEVERELY TESTED!** (Heb.4:15f; 2:18; see 11:17)
- F. JESUS WILL GIVE YOU PERSEVERANCE OR RESTORATION!** (2Cor.12:7-10; Eph.3:16,17; Heb.2:18; see Lk.22:31,32; Jn.17:15; Rom.8:26,34; Heb.7:25f; see 2Cor.5:21; 1Cor.11:24,25; see *LC*,195)
- G. REJOICE! JESUS CAME TO SUFFER TEMPTATION FOR YOU!** (Lk2:11; 2C5:21; Hb4:15f; 2:14f,18)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)