

The Book of Matthew Message 12
 "The Great **Temptation** of the King"
 Matthew 4:1-11

Message Title: "The Great **Temptation** of the King"

I. The Sovereign **Leading** (vs 1a)

Mark 1:12 "And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness."

1 Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

James 1:2-4 "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

II. The Slandering **Tempter** (vs 1b)

III. The Needed **Preparation** (vs 2)

a. We Prepare for Temptation Through **Anticipation**

b. We Prepare for Temptation Through **Supplication**

c. We Prepare for Temptation Through **Regulation**

IV. The Great **Temptations** (vs 3, 5-6, 8-9)

a. The Great Temptation of **Rebellion**

Philippians 2:7-8 "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a **servant**, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

b. The Great Temptation of **Presumption**

Psalms 91:11-12 "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. ¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Deuteronomy 6:16 "Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God..."

Psalms 19:13 "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression."

c. The Great Temptation of **Renunciation**

V. The Available **Resources** (vs 4,7,10)

VI. The Needed **Victory** (vs 11)

VII. The Necessary **Application**

a. We Must **FIX** Our Eyes on Christ

b. We Must **REST** in Christ's Vicarious Obedience

Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

c. We Must **USE** the Available Resources