

## **S7E40**

### **Temptation Island – Matthew 6:13**

**Description – Join us today as we look at the question, “Does God lead us into temptation”**

#### **Matthew 6:13**

<sup>13</sup> And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

There's a lot of questions about this passage, probably the most of any of the passages from the Lord's prayer.

Some scribes debate whether it should be translated as "deliver us from evil" or "deliver us from the evil one..."

The million dollar question is: Does God lead us into temptation?

The word “temptation” here is the greek word, “peirasmos” that can mean, “test, try or tempt” all depending on the context.

God does test the one He loves. He tests us knowing that we will pass the test. A test is something sent by God not to break or destroy you, but to build you up, to fortify you.

God never tests you in a way He thinks you can't pass.

Temptation is something that is luring you to sin.

So, does God lead us to sin?

#### **James 1:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> No one undergoing a trial should say, “I am being tempted by God,” since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn't tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. <sup>15</sup> Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

By the way, some scholars believe that the book of James is really a commentary on the Sermon of the Mount. James is the half brother of Jesus. James didn't believe Jesus was the Messiah until after Jesus's death, burial and resurrection.

So, we know that temptation doesn't come from God.

What we see in James is that it's not God tempting us, it's our own flesh.

The three things that tempt us are:

1. The Devil and his minions

2. Our own flesh
3. The world system around us.

No where in scripture does it say that we can blame Satan and his demons for our sin. We are held to account for our sin.

### **1 John 2:16**

<sup>16</sup>For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world.

### **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

<sup>3</sup>For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments <sup>5</sup>and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

To take captive is a military term in the Greek. It's a picture of a roman soldier who binds an enemy soldier as a prisoner of war and leads them away to jail, to slavery, or to death.

The heart and mind you can picture it like a house. You're standing guard at the front door on the porch blocking and protecting your family.

How can we do this in our thought life?

Devil - No control

Flesh - Control

World - No control

If the flesh is the only one you can control, then the greatest thing you can do is control the way you speak and say things about yourself. You have to be saturating your mind with the things that God says about you.

You've got to clean up your "stinkin thinkin"