

SERMON OUTLINE

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Sunday Morning 2/1/09

How to Overcome Sin

- I. The Crux of Our Battle**
 - A. How we handle temptation
 - B. Look at Matthew 4 and Matthew 26 (begin and end of ministry)
- II. Satan Trying to Derail Our Ministry – Matthew 4:1-11**
 - A. What About My Personal Needs?
 1. When I serve God – What About ME? Matt 4:1-3; 8:19-24
 2. Satan Says: Provide for yourself: YOU take control
 - a. Command these stones to become bread!
 - b. Temptation: Agonizing wait for God (Abraham)
 3. Jesus Says: Have FAITH
 - a. Matthew 4:4 – Deuteronomy 8:1-3 – So we TRUST
 - b. Matthew 8:26 – Trust God
 - c. Luke 6:38 – Give and it shall be given MORE than enough
 - B. What About the Work – It's Hard
 1. When I serve God – Hard to Keep Up the Fight!!!
 - a. Matthew 4:23-25 – Multitudes (all sorts needs, challenges)
 - b. Matthew 23:37 – Care over Jerusalem
 2. Satan Says – “Don't worry about it!!”
 - a. Matthew 4:5-6 – God will handle it!!!
 - b. Jesus knew who He was - still had work to do
 3. Jesus Says: Keep Your FOCUS
 - a. Matthew 4:7 – Do your part, don't lose sight of the goal
 - b. We are tempted to stop the everyday work & effort.
 - C. What About the Sacrifice – It Takes My ALL
 1. When I serve God – It takes sacrifice - Matt 16:21-22
 - a. Jesus was keenly aware of what He had to give (life)
 2. Satan Says: I'll give you what you want – no sacrifice
 - a. Matthew 4:8-9 – Luke 4:5-7 – All kingdoms
 - b. No death, sacrifice!
 3. Jesus Says: Serve God – FORSAKE all others
 - a. Luke 14:33 – give ALL
 - b. We are tempted to give God our leftovers
- III. How to Deal With Temptation: Matthew 26:36-46**
 - A. Pray – spiritual focus
 - B. Know your weak points (flesh)
 - C. Give your will to God – Hebrews 12:1-2 – keep entrusting