

There Hath No Temptation Taken You (Jesus Himself Is the Way of escape.)

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God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear, and He provides a way of escape through Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:30, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Topics: "Overcoming Temptation", "Strength in Christ"

Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes that while temptation is a common experience for all, God is faithful and provides a way of escape through Jesus Christ. He encourages believers to stand firm in their faith, reminding them that overcoming temptation is possible when they rely on Christ's strength rather than their own. Waldvogel asserts that every Christian is called to be a conqueror, and that true victory comes from allowing Jesus to live through them. He warns against the dangers of yielding to temptation and highlights the importance of waiting on the Lord for renewed strength.

Transcript

Selected Verses:

1 Corinthians 10:13. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Isaiah 40:30-31. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Romans 13:14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Opening:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful." He doesn't say that you're not going to be tempted. Why, what kind of a soldier is that, that runs away as soon he smells gun power? I told about a German man who was on guard duty during the French-Prussian War, and an

officer found him in a saloon. He said, "What are you doing here? You're supposed to be out there."

He says, "You go out there yourself. Those French are shootin' sharp! My goodness, a fellow could have the worst accident at the front!" Well, so, of course, being a Schwob, he chose what one of our boys did. He said he used to think that the best way to overcome temptation is to yield to it.

But, oh, what a very wonderful call God has to all of us to be "more than conquerors"! Every one of us is going to be a conqueror, or we're going to be conquered--one or the other. Every one of us is in the fight. And if you fight the fight lawfully, the Bible says, you're going to wear a crown.

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Selected Quotes:

Have you heard His voice? Have you taken an oath of allegiance to Him? Why, yes. "Don't you know that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." That alone makes life on earth interesting. Everything else fades away. Everything the world enjoys--and they do enjoy it for a little while--wears out in time.

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"There hath no temptation taken you"--don't complain!--"but such as is common to man." You think that your temptation is worse than anybody else's. God says it ain't. Not only that, but He says He is faithful, and He will not "suffer you to be tempted above that you are able." He knows how much you can bear. And sometime when we get to heaven, we'll feel like poor pikers if we didn't overcome--if we didn't stand our ground. Thank God, He has not called us to defeat, but to victory.

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My Christian life consists in having Jesus Christ Himself live out His own life within me. And there is no substitute for it. You can boast of signs, and wonders, and gifts, and visions, and all that sort of stuff. There's absolutely no substitute for "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ." Hallelujah! And that's what He means when He says He will make a way of escape.

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God will allow you to be tempted, thank God! He's not going to have heaven full of hypocrites--heaven full of cowards and deserters, no sir! He'll allow you to be tempted. He'll allow Satan to come your way. He says He'll send "strong delusion... that they all might be damned who love not the truth." Ah, but Jesus says, "Whoever loves the truth will come to Me." What a call!... "He that overcometh."

And what happens to those that don't overcome? "I will spue them out of my mouth," "I will take their name out of the Book of Life," "I will kill her children with death," and so on. But "he that overcometh"--what promises! What provision! Listen, you're either an overcomer or you're not. And if you're not an overcomer you're not taking Jesus Christ. Jesus is that "way of escape"...

"Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." And isn't that where we are liable to fail? We're liable to run when the enemy comes along instead of standing your ground. He says, "by faith ye stand." How wonderful that Jesus Christ has come to live out His own life within me--to fight the battle for me, to overcome for me!

Hallelujah, overcoming is inevitable! And He says, "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

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It's no sin to be tempted. You cannot overcome temptation until you meet it. It will meet you. But when it meets you, here is Christ waiting to succor you, to make you "more than conqueror." And I have the choice--I've got that choice to make... And all through life, I've found out that you don't overcome in your own strength. It's impossible. But "they that wait upon the Lord..."

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Listen, is your Jesus able to keep you spiritual? Is your savior able to "subdue all things unto himself." Is he able to "transform you by the renewing of your mind," so that your mind is held by his power?

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