

Notes for Matthew 4:1-4

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

In Genesis 3 Adam lived in Eden - a life of perfect luxury with no trials, yet he failed the test.

In Deuteronomy 8 Israel is in the wilderness for forty years of testing and they failed repeatedly.

It is only Satan, his followers and our flesh that tempt us. God never tempts anyone with evil.

James 1:13 - *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.*

Deuteronomy 8:3 - *And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.*

Genesis 50:20 - *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*

Hāšab (khah-SHAV) - Hebrew word translates as meant, intended, planned (used twice in Genesis 50:20).

Ephesians 6:17 - *and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*

Christ's 40 days echoes Moses in Exodus 34:28 - So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments

and Elijah in 1 Kings 19:8 - *And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.*

Mark 9:29 - *And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer*

How do we respond to tests we face? Do we lean on God or do we turn away and lean on food or alcohol or drugs or sex or whatever?

Genesis 7:12 - *And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.*

2 Corinthians 6:14 - *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?*

Genesis 25:30-32 - *And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore, his name was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"*

Genesis 25:25 - *The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau.*

Proverbs 3:5 - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

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Hēṭ' (khate) Hebrew word translated as sin means "miss the mark" or "to go wrong".

Matthew 5:28 - *But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

James 1:14-15 - *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

Zēsetai (ZEE-seh-teh) Greek word, meaning "he/she/it will live" also means to love the LORD, listen to Him and cling to Him as in Deuteronomy 30:19 & 20

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 - *I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."*

Matthew 6:25-33 - *Don't worry about food; instead seek first God's kingdom/righteousness - that is life.*

Matthew 7:24-27 - *The one who hears and does Jesus' words stands firm - that is real life.*

Matthew 19:17 - *And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."*

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HEBREWS 4:11-16

11 LET US THEREFORE STRIVE TO ENTER THAT REST, SO THAT NO ONE MAY FALL BY THE SAME SORT OF DISOBEDIENCE.

12 FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE,
SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD,
PIERCING TO THE DIVISION OF SOUL AND OF
SPIRIT, OF JOINTS AND OF MARROW, AND
DISCERNING THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS OF
THE HEART.

13 AND NO CREATURE IS HIDDEN FROM HIS SIGHT,
BUT ALL ARE NAKED AND EXPOSED TO THE EYES
OF HIM TO WHOM WE MUST GIVE ACCOUNT.

14 SINCE THEN WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST
WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS,
JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, LET US HOLD FAST OUR
CONFESSION.

15 FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS
UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESSES,
BUT ONE WHO IN EVERY RESPECT HAS BEEN
TEMPTED AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN.

16 LET US THEN WITH CONFIDENCE DRAW NEAR
TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY
RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME
OF NEED.