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**MATTHEW – PART THREE**

**The Temptations and The  
Sermon on the Mount – Part 1**

**Lesson 3**

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# Temptations

## Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 4 - 7

# Matthew's Purpose

Confirming Jewish Christians in  
their Faith

# Messiah

1. Messiah Prophet (Elijah)
2. Messiah Priest (Moses)
3. Messiah King (David)

# Temptations

- 40 - Day Fast
- Echoes Moses (Ex. 34:28)  
Elijah (I Kings 19:8)

# Temptation One

- How Friendly!
- Food to a Starving Man
- Sustenance / Ideas from Satan or God?  
“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” - Dt. 8:3

# Temptation Two

- Move from Physical to Pride
- The Credential Challenge

Satan: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone” Ps. 91:11-12

Jesus: “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Dt. 6:16

# Temptation Three

- Satan to Fulfill God's Mission Quicker and Easier  
“Away from me, Satan! For it is written,  
‘Worship Yahweh your God, and serve only  
him.’” Dt. 6:13



# Temptation Lessons

1. Satan is a Charmer!
2. Store up God's Word.
3. Don't Test God. Give Him Yourself.
4. God's Way, Not Yours, Mine or Satan's

# Sermon on the Mount

- Mt 5, 6 & 7
- Goes up on Mountain and Sits to Preach
- Multiple Divisions

# Beatitudes

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Kingdom of Heaven

Comforted

Inherit the Earth

Filled with

Righteousness

Shown Mercy

See God

Be Called Child of  
God

# Beatitudes

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Kingdom of Heaven	→	Poor in Spirit /Persecuted for Him
Comforted	→	Mourn
Inherit the Earth	→	Meek
Filled with Righteousness	→	Hunger For it
Shown Mercy	→	BE Merciful
See God	→	Be Pure in Heart
Be Called Child of God	→	Be a Peacemaker

# Salt and Light

Permeate the World and Culture with God  
(Where we Work, Play, Live, Socialize)  
(Who we see casually, Professionally,  
Accidentally)

# What is the “Law”?

- Different purposes of law

# The Law

- Not Just the Letter, the Spirit
- Murder -- Anger
- Adultery -- Lust
- Divorce -- Sin w/o Unfaithfulness
- Oaths -- Honor Your Word
- Retribution -- Forgiveness
- Enemies -- Love, not Hate

# Holy Living

- Give Privately, not to Show Off
- Simple Straightforward Prayers
  - (Praise, God's Work, Our Needs, Repentance, Forgiveness, and Protection)
- Fast Privately
- Seek God -- The "Heart / Treasure" Rule
- Don't Worry



# Lord's Prayer

- Text - “for thine ... amen”

# Holy Living

- Don't Judge -- Speck or Plank?
- Ask, Seek, Knock
- Rare and Narrow
- Watch for Wolves
  - Verbal acclamation not enough!
- Build Wisely

# Final Points for Home

- Go After your Beatitude Goals
- Permeate All with God and His Love
- Do Right, from the Heart
- Do Right, not for Show
- Invest in Right Things
- God Gets the Worries
- Get Own House in Order