

Away with Thee!

Have you ever felt yourself give into temptation?

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

1. What was the first temptation the devil presented to Jesus?
 - a. Making bread into stones.
 - b. Making stones into bread.
 - c. Jumping off a cliff.
 - d. Compulsively eating bread.
 - e. Breaking his fast.
 - f. Denying the Bible.
 - g. Bowing down to him.
 - h. Eating stones.
 - i. Other.

2. What was the significance of the second temptation?
 - a. It could have resulted in Jesus' death.
 - b. It was taking advantage of God's promise of protection.
 - c. It was a twisted play on the Bible to justify something wrong.
 - d. It was a taunt against Jesus' status as Son of God.
 - e. The devil wanted Jesus to do something reckless.
 - f. The devil was testing Jesus' knowledge of the Bible.
 - g. The devil was setting a trap for Jesus.
 - h. The devil wanted Jesus dead.
 - i. Other.

3. What was significant about Jesus' response to each temptation?
 - a. He quoted the Bible.
 - b. He asked His heavenly Father for help.
 - c. He gave in to the temptation.
 - d. He yelled at the devil.
 - e. He twisted the devil's speech back to its true meaning.
 - f. He proved that He was the Son of God each time.
 - g. He told the devil to leave each time.
 - h. He was having a hard time resisting the temptation.
 - i. Other.

4. What is significant about the last temptation?
 - a. Jesus asserted that the devil was the king of this world.
 - b. Jesus finally told the devil to leave.
 - c. The devil acted superior to Jesus.
 - d. Jesus felt inferior to the devil.
 - e. The devil showed Jesus how good it was to be on this earth.
 - f. Jesus refused to bow down to the devil.
 - g. Jesus acknowledged God as the only true God.
 - h. The devil did not quote scripture, but Jesus did.
 - i. Other.

5. What happened after the devil left?
 - a. Jesus immediately got up and went back to the city.
 - b. Angels came and took care of Jesus.
 - c. Jesus was left vulnerable.
 - d. Jesus wept.
 - e. The devil refused to leave.
 - f. Jesus spoke with His heavenly father.
 - g. Jesus began His official ministry.
 - h. Jesus was strengthened by the experience.
 - i. Other.

6. What are some important patterns to note that can be beneficial in our struggles with the devil?
 - a. Always quote scripture.
 - b. Recognize when someone misuses the Bible.
 - c. Bow down to the devil.
 - d. Be intimidated by the devil.
 - e. Call upon God for help.
 - f. Sometimes there is no way out.
 - g. Speak with conviction and the devil will leave.
 - h. God will always send help in a time of need.
 - i. Other.

7. We all struggle with temptation at one point or another. When you feel yourself giving in to it, what do you do?

8. What is one important thing that you had not realized about Jesus' response to the devil? What does it teach you?