

**WICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones, Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Paul Mays, Ed & Bettie Barrett, H.C. & Jimmie Nell Brown, Fred Elliott, Henry McDonald, Bessie Files

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL TO SEE"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHEN I'M COMPASSED ABOUT WITH FLOODS"

**OSPEL MEETING AT EAST WALKER, OCT 2-5**

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO LINDA DAVIDSON DUE TO MITCHELL'S DEATH.**

**SERVICES WERE THURSDAY.**

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF BOB DANIEL'S WHO PASSED**

**AWAY FRIDAY. VISITATION IS TONIGHT AT CRESTVIEW. SERVICES ARE**

**TOMORROW AT CRESTVIEW.**

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO RICKY POPE DUE TO THE DEATH OF HIS AUNT.**

**SERVICES WERE LAST WEEK.**

**READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- HABAKKUK; MON- ZEPHANIAH; TUES- HAGGAI,**

**ZECHARIAH 1-3; WED- 4-9; THUR- 10-14; FRI- MALACHI; SAT- MATTHEW 1-4; SUN-**

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

Oct 3: Shelia Windham

5: Wilma Brown

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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**AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL TO SEE**

**(Matthew 4:1-11)**

Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to meet temptation.

- A. A lot of times we fail in whatever it is in which we engage, because there was not \_\_\_\_\_ preparation.
- B. The same holds true when dealing with \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Temptation comes when our own \_\_\_\_\_ are aroused (James 1:14).
- D. There was a great desire and then notice how Satan \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation.
  - 1. Satan knew Jesus was in a weakened state and was hoping that weakness would cause the \_\_\_\_\_ side of Jesus to act rashly and prove He was the Son of God.
  - 2. McGarvey noted that it would be difficult to think of a \_\_\_\_\_ temptation with which to deal for our Lord.
- E. However, Jesus was prepared because He had the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
  - 1. By that, I don't mean in some \_\_\_\_\_ way.
  - 2. If that were the case, then this account would be \_\_\_\_\_ to us in today's world.
- F. What I mean is that He used the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit to ward off these temptations.
- G. We have got to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with the Sword of the Spirit in order to properly deal with temptation (Ephesians 6:17).

**I. Jesus was persistent.**

- A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ went anywhere else but God's word.
- B. 1 Corinthians 10:13 - Temptation is a test of our \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
- C. We have got to be \_\_\_\_\_ in our refusal to give in to Satan.
- D. If we think Satan will only come once at us, we are \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. As soon as the last temptation was \_\_\_\_\_, Satan fled.
  - 1. He did not go away forever as Luke tells us he departed for a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. One version renders that "until a better \_\_\_\_\_."
- B. God has told us what happens when we \_\_\_\_\_ Satan (James 4:7).
- C. He is like a roaring lion wanting to devour us, but he has no \_\_\_\_\_ for a fight.

**V. Jesus gives us some things to ponder.**

- A. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus.
- B. We have the same type \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus.
- C. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus had and in some ways \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. He had the Old Testament and we have the New, which the book of Hebrews \_\_\_\_\_ us is better.
  - 2. He had \_\_\_\_\_ in God that stayed with Him in times of temptation.

**"OVERCOMING TEMPTATION"**

**Greg Neill**

All people are tempted by something. Some people are tempted by almost everything. Some have only a few things that tempt them. Even Jesus was tempted (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15).

Some temptations are harmless such as being tempted to grab a warm fresh baked cookie from a baker, knowing they are being made for someone else. Other temptations carry much more serious consequences such as giving into the lust of the flesh (1 John 2:15-17). God has made it very clear that those that follow Him are not helpless in regard to temptations. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, Paul through inspiration provides the keys to overcoming temptation.

Paul makes it very clear that temptation is a common phenomenon. God's greatest servants, including His Son dealt with temptation. Temptation is not sin. Temptation has been described as the process of dealing with the choices of good and evil. As Christians mature, the avenues of temptation will come in different forms.

Paul further states that God's faithfulness is a key to overcoming temptation. The Bible teaches that God is not the source of temptation (James 1:13). God provides man with choices (Genesis 2:16-17). However, man is drawn into temptation by his desires (James 1:14). God will not allow any man to be tempted beyond his ability to overcome temptation. Temptations may be intense, but God's love for man is immense (1 John 3:1).

In this verse, Paul teaches that there is always an avenue of escape available to those that desire to talk with God. Many times those being tempted do not seek the way of escape or do not take advantage of the way of escape. The best method for finding the way of escape is to stay close to the Lord (James 4:8). There are several things Christians can do to overcome temptation. First, we should recognize the reality of our personal temptations (1 Corinthians 10:12, Galatians 6:1-2). Therefore, we must always examine ourselves.

Second, we should request help when facing temptation (Hebrews 2:18). Prayer is a great tool for dealing with temptation (Hebrews 4:16). Seeking godly advice provides safety from temptation (Proverbs 11:4). Having godly relationships can help us deal with being tempted (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). Third, we should remove ourselves from tempting situations by taking away the opportunities to be tempted (Proverbs 4:14-15, Matthew 5:29-30). At times the best way of escape is to stay off the path. Fourth, we should run from temptations that are severe. Joseph ran away (Genesis 39:13). Jesus retreated from certain situations (John 6:15). There is no shame in running from evil (1 Corinthians 10:14, 2 Timothy 2:22). Most importantly we must rely on God's strength to help us deal with temptation (Philippians 4:13)!