

“He Suffered Temptation by Satan”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 91:15-16, 1-2, 9-10, 13

He shall call upon Me, and I will | answer him;*
 I will deliver him and | honor him.
 With long life I will sat- | isfy him,*
 and show him My sal- | vation.”
 He who dwells in the secret place of the | Most High*
 shall abide under the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
 I will say | of the Lord,*
 “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him | I will trust.”
 Because you have made the Lord, who is my | refuge,*
 even the Most High, your | dwelling place,
 No evil shall be- | fall you,*
 nor shall any plague come near your | dwelling.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK James 2:1

“My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from those who rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
God the Father, Be Our Stay

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 Martin Luther



(verse 1) God the Father, be our Stay,
 (v2) Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay,
 (v3) Holy Ghost, be Thou our Stay,
 Oh, let us perish never.
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
 And grant us life forever.
 Keep us from the Evil One;
 Uphold our faith most holy,

Grant us to trust Thee solely
 With humble hearts and lowly.
 Let us put God's armor on:
 With all true Christians running
 Our heavenly race and shunning
 The devil's wiles and cunning.
 Amen, Amen, this be done,
 So sing we, Hallelujah!

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
 Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
 and was buried. He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the
 dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
 the right hand of God, the Father
 Almighty. From thence He will come to
 judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian church, the communion of
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
 resurrection of the body, and the life
 everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
 Our Father, who art in
 heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily
 bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who
 trespass against us;
 and lead us not into
 temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and
 the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have kept me this night from all
 harm and danger; and I pray that
 You would keep me this day also
 from sin and every evil, that all my
 doings and life may please You.
 For into Your hands I commend
 myself, my body and soul, and all
 things. Let Your holy angel be with
 me, that the evil foe may have no
 power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have graciously kept me this day;
 and I pray that You would forgive
 me all my sins where I have done
 wrong, and graciously keep me this
 night. For into Your hands, I
 commend myself, my body and
 soul, and all things. Let Your holy
 angel be with me, that the evil foe
 may have no power over me. Amen.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of February 21-27, 2021

THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered Temptation by Satan

As we enter once again into the Lenten season, we turn our attention to the sufferings of Jesus and all that He accomplished for us at the cross. As we do this, we also come face to face with the suffering that we live with as a result of our own sins and the sins of others. We find as we turn to the Word of God, that our sins are forgiven and our sufferings take on a new meaning and we see them in a different light.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11 – Easy Lies From the Devil

“If you are the Son of God...” These are the words that the devil uses to tempt our Lord in the wilderness. “Did God really say...” are the words that he used to tempt Eve in the Garden. Notice that these questions invite only a short response. The devil is not interested in long conversation. He wants a short answer so that he can manipulate us faster. This is how he has successfully tempted humanity since the day it worked on Eve. “Does God actually love you?” “Are you sure your sins are forgiven?” These are the kinds of questions that the devil asks. But we have our Lord Jesus who answers in our place. He reminds Satan and us that He suffered and died to pay the debt of our sins. In Jesus, we have someone Who fights for us and wins the victory. *Almighty God, be with me that I may resist the temptations of the evil one this day and always. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 32 – Absolute Absolution

Perhaps you recognized some words from this Psalm today. We say the words of Psalm 32:5b in the liturgy. We confess our sins. We confess to our righteous God all the sins that we commit. For all the times that we have not withstood temptation, we confess. For all the times that we willingly gave into sin, we confess. Even for the sins that we have committed without realizing we were sinning, we confess. And out of His gracious love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ forgives us our sins! Your sins are completely and absolutely forgiven in Jesus and righteous in God’s sight. This is what Jesus accomplished for you not only at the cross, but through His perfect life that we cannot live. *Almighty God, I have sinned against You in so many ways. Graciously forgive me my sins and bless me to remain faithful to You. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 The Cost of Serving God

We began this week with seeing the temptation of Jesus. But as we are now entering into Lent, we are reminded not just of our own sinfulness as we reflected upon yesterday, but also we think about the trials and sorrows of life. As we read today, Paul had no shortage of suffering in his life. And yet through it all, Jesus was with him. The same salvation that Paul preached, Paul also enjoyed. So also do you and I enjoy the salvation that is ours in Christ even in the face of much and varied suffering. In this truth, there is a true joy that the world cannot know and cannot take away. *Almighty God, be with me through the trials that You have seen fit to grant me in this life that I may always rest in You. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-30 – The Rest of the Story

Rest. That is something that many people long for in our world where things are always so busy. Even in this year since lockdowns began, few people have found rest, even when confined to our own homes. Why is this? Because true rest comes from Jesus. We must be careful to not see the rest in Jesus as laziness though. He still gives us a burden. He still is going to drive us as we are now attached to His yoke. True rest comes in knowing and trusting that all works of salvation are in our Savior’s hands. He will guide us where we need to go and He will bless us with the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. That is where we find true rest. *Almighty God, grant me the peace that You have promised and give me the rest that comes from faith. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:24-32.- Greatest of All Time (G.O.A.T)

Perhaps you have seen the acronym that is mentioned in the title today. Everyone wants to be the greatest. In our text today, we see the disciples having a dispute about this very thing. Who is the greatest? Who is the best follower of Jesus? Who is the most righteous? Unfortunately, we can recognize that these very questions have continued into our own day. But how does Jesus end the dispute? He tells us that greatness is found in humility and in service: humility like the Son of God being beaten and crucified by sinful people and service like being the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Truly, Jesus is the greatest there ever was and we simply desire to share in His glory, which He graciously gives to us. *Almighty God, grant me the humility to not think more highly of myself than I ought, but help me to focus my eyes on Jesus. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: James 1:2-15 – Finding Joy in Trials

In this text, we find one of many examples from the New Testament encouraging us to endure suffering and trials. This does not mean that suffering is something for us to go looking for, mind you, but we recognize that suffering is going to come our way in a broken and sinful world. The blessing is that our Lord uses these sufferings to produce good things in us. This is because through the suffering of Jesus, our sins have been paid for. We need not fear any suffering in this life, because they will never be greater than the sufferings of Jesus. Through His suffering, we are given strength to face whatever we may experience. *Almighty God, grant me Your peace and give me strength to endure the trials that I experience. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 16 – We Have No Good Apart from Jesus

In this psalm of praise, we rejoice in the goodness that we find in our God. This week we have looked at not just the suffering of Jesus, but also the nature of the suffering that we endure. But even in the face of suffering, we find goodness from the hand of our gracious Lord. In this psalm, we even see a prophecy about Jesus, that the Father will not let His holy one see corruption. Indeed, He did not, for in resurrecting Jesus from the grave on the third day, He was raised before the true process of rotting could begin. Jesus instead bore the penalty of our sins unto death so that we would not see the fruit of our corruption and instead in Him we have life! *Almighty God, grant that I may always remain focused on the gifts that You have given me so that I remain faithful to You. Amen.*

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