

“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 **Psalm 16:2**
 “I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord: I have no good apart from you.”

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**
 TLH 247, LSB 505
 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.

THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered Temptation by Satan

This week, we will be spending time in the Word of God as we explore temptation. We see not only the temptation of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also we take a look at our own temptations. We see how Peter failed to be as righteous as he desired to be, and we see the mercy of Christ in the same text. For all of this and more, we respond with great joy and appreciation.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11 – Jesus Resists Satan

We turn, this week, to the temptation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, in His baptism was anointed as the Messiah (Matthew 3:13-17). We see that Satan comes and tempts Him to abuse His newly anointed office. If Satan can turn Jesus away from being the Messiah and away from the cross, then Satan will be victorious. But Christ resists the temptations of the evil one. He resists with the Word. In this way, we find a model for our resisting of temptation. Paul tells us that our faith is a shield (Ephesians 6:16). That shield is bolstered by our knowledge of the Word of God. *Heavenly Father, with the Word, Jesus Christ our Lord resisted temptation and ensured our salvation. Please strengthen me that I too may resist temptation in my time of weakness. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 32 – We Find Forgiveness

In this Psalm, we see David rejoicing in the certainty of his forgiveness. Remember that David had very real sins that needed very real forgiveness. Yet, he is assured by faith that his sins are forgiven. In the same way, we rejoice that our sins are forgiven our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord resisted temptation and secured forgiveness and salvation for us when we fail to resist temptation, when we sin. When we stumble, we do not try to hide our iniquity from God. We come before him in humility trusting that our prayers are heard and that God is found by his coming to us in faith. *Father in heaven, I thank and praise You for the forgiveness that You have blessed me with and I pray that You would continue to hold me in Your grace. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 – Today is the Day of Repentance

As we observe the season of Lent, there is always a focus on repentance. As we find in our text today, there is the echo of David's Psalm that we read yesterday. David says that we should seek God while He may be found. Paul tells us that *today* is the day of salvation. Today is the day of repentance. We turn to our God today and every day, coming to Him in faith knowing that He will lovingly forgive the sins of His people, who come to Him for salvation. This is the promise that we have and the gift that we receive from Jesus because of His death and resurrection for us. *O Lord, I thank You for the generous forgiveness that You continue to give me. Hold me in Your hands and call me to You in repentance every day. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:1-24: Fount of Death, Fount of Life

This stunning text unfolds for us the mysteries of death and life. Adam and Eve were created to live forever, and God put them in the Garden to worship Him by faith, to believe but never see His promise, "If you eat it, you will die." But the devil tempted Adam and Eve to doubt God's word, to eat the fruit, and they fell. They brought death on themselves and on the world. This first sin is why we suffer and die. But then, stunningly, the Lord comes along with a plan to make things right. "He will crush your head," the Lord says to the devil, promising a Savior who would die to give victory and life to the children of Adam and Eve. This preaching in the Garden is the fountain of eternal life, the first preaching of the Gospel! *Lord Jesus, thank You for Your death in my place which has won me a place in eternal life. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:24-32 – Prayers of Jesus and the Demands of Satan

This text is frightening. Jesus tells Peter that Satan demanded him. Satan demanding us is a truly frightening thing. But Jesus tells Peter that He has prayed for him. Jesus knows that His intercession for Peter was greater than any demand Satan made. He knows that Peter will turn again and will be restored even after his sin. From this, we see that our Lord continues to be our high priest (as the writers to the Hebrews describes Him). He intercedes for us that we may not fall. Like Peter, when we turn back to God from our sin, we too are forgiven and restored. *I thank You Lord, for praying for me that I may remain faithful to You. Please continue to bless me with Your prayers and protection. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: James 1:2-15 – Who Is Tempted By What?

Here we see another source of temptation. Some temptation comes from Satan, but here James rightly points out that sometimes our temptation arises from our original sin, that sinful nature we inherited from our first parents. Temptation does not come to us from God, but from our own flesh. We all have different temptations, different sinful desires. Original sin manifests itself differently in each Christian. Every Christian is at war with desires of the flesh, but our battles are all different. The same Lord who resisted Satan and who prays for us gives us forgiveness from our sins that might vary from the sins of others. *Heavenly Father, please forgive me for the times that I have acted sinfully and preserve me from the death that it rightly brings. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 16 – We Rejoice In Our Forgiveness

As we conclude this week, we see the joy that comes from knowing the forgiveness that we have in Jesus Christ. As David rightly says, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." While we watch the sorrows of unbelievers grow and crush them, we find our peace in Jesus. Jesus, Who suffered temptation from our enemy and was victorious. Jesus, our Lord who died for us to forgive us for the sins that we commit due to our corrupt desires. Jesus, who continues to intercede on our behalf before His Father. It is for all of these reasons and more that we lift our voices alongside David to confirm that we have no good apart from our God who has done so much good for us. *O Lord, my God, You are my good and I am so very thankful for all You have done for me and continue to do for me. Amen.*

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