

**“Dealing With Temptation”**

**(Matthew 4:1-11, pew Bible page 809)**

Jesus “in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin,” according to Hebrews 4:15. In this morning’s passage, we have one specific instance where He was challenged by the devil himself.

1. The Context of Temptations (vv. 1-2)
2. After a real high point (the events of Matthew 3:13-17)
3. Under the Sovereignty of God (v. 1)
4. At a moment of real vulnerability (v. 2)
5. The Content of the Temptations (vv. 3-10)
6. Tempted on Provision: Trust your own ability to take care of yourself. (vv. 3-4)
* Jesus responded with Scripture. (Deuteronomy 8:3)
1. Tempted on Presumption: Test God by making unwise decisions and assuming His grace and protection will keep you safe. (vv. 5-7)
* Jesus responded with Scripture. (Deuteronomy 6:16)
1. Tempted on Position: Be a really big deal, whether or not it's God's will, God's way, or God's timing. (vv. 8-10)
* Jesus responded with Scripture. (Deuteronomy 6:13 and 10:20)
1. The Conquest over Temptations (v. 11)

James 4:17

1. “Submit yourselves therefore to God.”
2. “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”