

JAMES

October 11, 2020

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Matthew 4:1-11

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. The word “trials” has another translation (v. 13): _____.

Provide a definition of this word:

If you are part of a group, discuss some of the differences in definitions. Can you come to a group consensus on a definition?

2. Where does God fit into the picture of temptations (v. 13)?

3. Outline the process of temptation & sin (vv. 14-15). (Can you come to a group consensus for an outline?)

4. What is the role of lust or desire in this process?

5. What do bait or lures do in this process (v. 14)?

6. What happens at conception (v. 15)? What does lust conceive?

7. What is the inevitable result of sin (c.f., Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23)?

Can you recall the three types of death in Scripture? Which death is in view here?

8. What are two critical factors in breaking the cycle of temptation & sin (vv. 17 & 18)? How is each helpful?
 - (1)
 - (2)
9. What was the effect of temptation upon Jesus and its consequences for us (Hebrews 4:15)?
10. How does Jesus' handling of His temptations encourage us when we are tempted (Matthew 4:1-11)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. To check my temptations, I will rely upon the goodness of God this week by . . .
2. To check my temptations, I will rely upon the word of God this week by . . .