

**“In The Beginning...”**

# **“Temptation & Sin”**

**Gen. 3-4, 38, 39**

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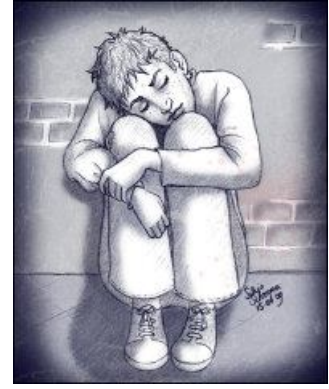


## Temptation and Sin

“Now is the time to Prepare”

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**Temptation** -> Something that tempts, entices, or allures one to evil (sin).

**Sin** -> Any thought, word, desire, action, or omission of action, contrary to the law of God, or defective when compared with it. Sin proceeds from the heart, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.” (Matt. 15:19)

In the space below, please list as many temptations as you can think of that you (or your friends) face. \_\_\_\_\_

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### I. How did sin enter the world?

A. God places Adam and Eve in the Garden.

B. Why were they naked but **\*not\*** ashamed in Gen 2:25? \_\_\_\_\_

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C. The serpent (Satan, the deceiver) tempts Eve.

1. How do we know that the serpent is Satan? (see. Rev. 12:9; 20:2,10)

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2. Satan's sin -> Temps (deceives)

3. Eve's sin:

- a) Lingered with Satan
- b) Listened to Satan
- c) She was enticed by her own desires
- d) She ate

4. Adam's sin -> He ate

- D. Their eyes were opened, and they knew they were naked, and they were ashamed (Gen. 3:7-8). What has changed? Why are they ashamed now?

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## II. What is the cost of sin?

- A. Wages of sin is death! (Gen. 2:17, Rom. 6:23)
1. Physical and Spiritual
- B. What was the cost under the law? (Lev. 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What was the ultimate cost of sin? (Heb. 10) \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What does it cost us?
1. What do we deserve? (Rom. 6:23) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. What did we get? (Rom. 3:23-23; 6:23) \_\_\_\_\_
  3. What do we owe? (Rom. 6:16-18; 12:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Let's observe two examples

- A. Joseph **did not** sin with Potiphar's wife. (Gen. 39)
1. Potiphar's wife seduced (tempted) Joseph who had complete freedom in his master's home. (v 6-7)
    - a) Joseph refused (v 8)
  2. She persisted (just like your age).
    - a) Though it isn't specifically stated, I believe Joseph avoided her. Note in verse 11, it is pretty obvious Joseph didn't mean to be in there alone with her.
    - b) He did not listen to her though she was powerful
    - c) He did not reason a way for it to be okay.
    - d) He did not linger.
    - e) **He simply fled!**
- B. **The young man of Proverbs 7**
1. First he doesn't think (v. 6-7)
  2. He went to the place where sin lurked (v 8)
  3. He went at a time when sin happened (v 9)

4. He chose the wrong company (v 10-12)
5. He listened as she tempted (v 13-18)
6. He fell for the lie "nobody will ever know" (v 19-20)
7. **HE FELL!**

We have noted above the temptations that are around us each day of our worldly lives. We have discussed how "sin" entered the world. We have carefully considered temptation and its part to get us to act from our desires instead of from a rooted knowledge of God. We have even carefully examined the right way to deal with sin as Joseph did and the wrong way as the young man of Proverbs 7. Let's make this personal now. In the space below, write out some things that you **\*must do\*** in order to deal with the daily temptations listed at the start of this lesson.

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#### IV. Application

- A. Don't be a deceiver!
  1. Have you ever thought of yourself as being like Satan or a prostitute when you take on the role of tempting someone to do evil (sin)?
  2. Have you ever been the one saying come on, no one will ever know? It really isn't that bad? It is just one time?
- B. Think! Don't be like the young man in Proverbs 7!
- C. Don't linger or go to the place where you know sin is!
- D. Don't hang out with the people who you know will be sinning!
- E. Don't listen as the "tempter" tries to deceive you!
- F. Don't fall for the lie, "No one will ever know!"