

Luke 22:39-53 Temptation and Betrayal

Temptations in the life of believers are common occurrences that many face on a daily basis. Yeshua revealed to His Disciples what they needed to do to avoid temptation and reminded them of this vital method when they unknowingly were about to face their greatest trial to date.

Temptation, when not properly dealt with, or avoided, can lead to some very bad decisions. This causes great harm to ourselves, loved ones, and others, even leading to the betrayal of our Savior and Lord.

Lk 22:39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

The key to not entering into temptation:

Lk 22:40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

Temptation – **3986 πειρασμός** peirasmos {pi-ras-mos'} **Meaning:** 1) an experiment, attempt, trial, proving 1a) trial, proving: the trial made of you by my bodily condition, since condition served as to test the love of the Galatians toward Paul (Gal. 4:14) 1b) the trial of man's fidelity, integrity, virtue, constancy 1b1) an enticement to sin, temptation, whether arising from the desires or from the outward circumstances 1b2) an internal temptation to sin 1b2a) of the temptation by which the devil sought to divert Jesus the Messiah from his divine errand 1b3) of the condition of things, or a mental state, by which we are enticed to sin, or to a lapse from the faith and holiness 1b4) adversity, affliction, trouble: sent by God and serving to test or prove one's character, faith, holiness 1c) temptation (i.e. trial) of God by men
Usage: AV - temptation 19, temptations 1, try 1; 21

Yeshua tells His Disciples, twice in six verses, not to enter into temptation. Yeshua's example of how to keep from entering into temptation: **Pray!**

Genuine prayer is not a ritual, based on a formula or a one-sided conversation with YeHoVaH. Genuine prayer is communion, intimacy, and communing with YeHoVaH.

It is giving Him opportunity to commune, have intimacy with you, and communicate to you His will in the matter about which you are praying and seeking His guidance and direction.

Genuine prayer is not you telling YeHoVaH what you want, what you want to do, and expecting Him to back you.

YeHoVaH is not our posse. YeHoVaH is not a member of our gang or team member. YeHoVaH doesn't follow us. He is with us, but not as a follower. He is with us as our leader, not our follower!

Yeshua's Remedy for avoiding temptation is Prayer!

Entering into temptation seems to be associated with the carnal nature. As supernatural beings, we are to be led by the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, and resist operating in the carnal mind. The carnal minded man is not interested in pleasing the Most High.

To be carnally minded is death.

Ro 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Ro 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Ro 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

To be spiritually minded is life and peace.

We have our own mind, and we have the mind of Messiah. We determine what mindedness we operate in. When we pray to YeHoVaH, listen to YeHoVaH, and follow YeHoVaH's Spirit leading, we are operating in the Spirit mind.

The carnal minded man is not concerned with pleasing YeHoVaH; it is only interested in pleasing self.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Messiah.

To the carnal or natural minded mind, spiritual things do not make sense for they are foolishness to the natural mind.

The supernatural or spiritual minded man must resist the temptation to depend upon and act upon their carnal or natural impulses or leadings. **The spiritual minded man will trust YeHoVaH.**

The spiritually minded man will acknowledge YeHoVaH in all their ways and not lean on their own ways of thinking or behaving.

They must submit themselves to YeHoVaH in all things and trust YeHoVaH to give them directions. To keep from entering into temptation is to **always Pray. Stay in communication with YeHoVaH!**

Lk 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Lk 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Yeshua, the Son of God, The Lord and Savior, The Messiah, The Prophet, The King, The High Priest, Son of Man, and the man, had an active Prayer Life. He prayed to seek YeHoVaH's will and to subdue His flesh.

Yeshua dealt with temptations.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 5:6 As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Lk 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Lk 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Lk 22:45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

Lk 22:46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

As believers, we have so much counsel, history, knowledge, wisdom and examples from those who have gone before us.

We can learn from making similar mistakes or we can learn from their mistakes.

We have the ultimate example to learn from, The Master and Savior Himself!

Lk 22:47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Yeshua to kiss him.

Mark recorded:

Mk 14:43 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

Mk 14:44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead *him* away safely.

Lk 22:48 But Yeshua said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

John recorded:

Jn 18:4 Yeshua therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

Jn 18:5 They answered him, Yeshua of Nazareth. Yeshua saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

Jn 18:6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

This supernatural occurrence is unexplained.

Jn 18:7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Yeshua of Nazareth.

Jn 18:8 Yeshua answered, I have told you that I am *he*: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

Jn 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

Lk 22:49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

When the Disciples saw what was about to unfold, they asked the question, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword?"

Before Yeshua answered the question, one of the Disciples struck and cut off the right ear of the High Priest's servant.

Lk 22:50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

Having a sword or weapon and acting on impulse or under perceived threat, is acting carnally and not being led by the Spirit.

Peter was acting out of impulse when he drew his sword and cut the soldier's ear off. Yeshua repaired the damage Peter did, but Peter did not appear to acknowledge what He did. Peter had assaulted an officer. Fortunately for Peter, Yeshua had prayed for him.

Yeshua repaired the ear and made it appear as if the assault had never happened. In the court of law, the assault would not have been able to be proven without the acknowledgment of a miracle. Nevertheless, no harm, no damage, no trial.

Resisting temptation is resisting the flesh or carnal nature.
They asked a question and Peter responded before Yeshua answered.

John's record reveals the name of the Disciple who struck with the sword and the servant's name whose ear was cut off.

Jn 18:10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Jn 18:11 Then said Yeshua unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Matthew wrote:

Mt 26:52 Then said Yeshua unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Mt 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Mt 26:54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Zec 13:7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

Mt 26:55 In that same hour said Yeshua to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

Mt 26:56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

This is in reference to the prophecy that the sheep will scatter when the shepherd is smitten.

Lk 22:51 And Yeshua answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

Lk 22:52 Then Yeshua said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

The Chief Priests, Captains of the Temple, and the elders, according to Yeshua's statement, viewed Him as a thief. They all forsook Him. Thieves and robbers occupied the Temple.

Lk 19:46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Jeremiah wrote:

Jer 7:9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

Jer 7:10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

Jer 7:11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.

Isaiah Prophesied

Isa 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Lk 22:53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

Yeshua was with them daily in broad daylight, yet they apprehended Him under the cover of night/darkness.

Finally ...

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

1Pe 5:11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Ja 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Ja 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Ja 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Ja 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.