Satan Part 3:
Battling Satanic Temptation

General Temptations & How to Fight

1) When Satan Makes Sin Look Good

- ***The Temptation (Genesis 3)***

- ***How Can We Battle the Temptation?***

2) When Satan Makes Sin Seem Small

- ***The Temptation***

"Satan suggests, 'It is but a little pride, a little worldliness, a little uncleanness, a little drunkenness…'" (*Precious Remedies*, pg 38)

- ***How Can We Battle the Temptation?***

3) When Satan Makes Repentance Seem Easy

- ***The Temptation***

Thomas Brooks: "By this device Satan draws many a soul to sin, and makes many millions of souls servants or rather slaves to sin" (pg 55).

- ***How Can We Battle the Temptation?***

4) When Satan Twists the Word

- ***The Temptation (Gen. 3/Luke 4)***

- ***How Can We Battle The Temptation?***

5) When Satan Tempts through Signs & Wonders

- ***The Temptation***

Matthew 24:23–24: ***"***…if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. [24] For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect."

2 Thessalonians 2:7–10: For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work…[9] The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, [10] and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

- ***How do we battle?***

Specific Temptations & How to Fight

1) When Satan Tempts through Anger

Ephesians 4:26–27*:* [26] Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, [27] and give no opportunity to the devil.

Matthew 5:23: So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

2) When Satan Tempts through Sex/Lust

1 Corinthians 6:18–20: Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. [19] Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, [20] for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 7:3–5: [3] The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. [4] For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. [5] Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

3) When Satan Tempts through Pride

1 Timothy 3:6: An elder "must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil."

Screwtape to Wormwood in *Screwtape Letters*
"Catch him at the at the moment when he is really poor in spirit and smuggle into his mind the gratifying reflection, 'By jove! I'm being humble', and almost immediately pride—pride at his own humility—will appear. If he awakes to the danger and tries to smother this new form of pride, make him proud of his attempt—and so on, through as many stages as you please." (*Screwtape Letters,* 69).

James 4:6–8: [6] "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." [7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

4) When Satan Tempts through Suffering

2 Corinthians 12:7–10: [7] So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.