

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1247: Does God Ever Tempt Us? Contradiction Series

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1. What are the meanings for the word often translated "tempt," Strong's Exhaustive Concordance #5254 in the Old Testament? What does "assay" mean? How can we tempt, prove, push or test God? (See Exodus 17:1-2, Judges 6:39)
2. How was this word used in the story about David and Saul?
3. Why did the Queen of Sheba come to see Solomon?
4. What is the negative aspect of this word? What is the positive? (See 1 Samuel 17:39, 1 Kings 10:1)
5. For what reason does Satan "test" people? What did he do to test David? Did God "tempt" Abraham? Explain. Why would God test Israel? Describe the motivation behind God's testing and Satan's testing. What about our motivation if the testing comes from us? (See 1 Chronicles 21:1, Genesis 22:1, Judges 2:20-23)
6. In the New Testament, does God tempt us but then provide a way of escape? Explain. What is Jesus telling us in the Lord's Prayer? How does Psalm 23:4 support this part of the Lord's Prayer? How did Jesus handle Satan during his temptations? How might Satan tempt us today, and how do you handle this type of temptation? (See Matthew 4:1-4, 6:12-13, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:15-16)
7. How does James 1:2 translate Strong's Exhaustive Concordance #3985? How do we know that God does not tempt us? From where do temptations come? What is the "subtle promise" about God in these scriptures? How is this a comfort to us? How can we arm ourselves against our own weaknesses and Satan's manipulation? (See James 1:2-4, 12-15, Romans 12:21, Proverbs 24:16, 1 Corinthians 10:12-13)
8. How do we explain God's commands in Exodus 3:20-22 and Deuteronomy 20:10-14, in light of Exodus 20:15-17? Does Luke 19:29-34 sound like stealing to you? Explain. (See Exodus 11:1-3, 12:35-36)
9. What is the best procedure to follow if we run into seemingly biblical contradictions?
10. Why did God ask for Cain about Abel's whereabouts? Did He not know where Abel was? What was Cain's answer? What was the object of God's question? Explain Cain "leaving the presence of the LORD." (See Genesis 4:9-16, Hebrews 4:13)
11. Who were the three men who came to visit Abraham and Sarah? What were the purposes of their visit? What did they accomplish? (See Genesis 18:1-3, 20-22, Jeremiah 23:23-24)
12. Did God need directions during the tenth plague (smiting of the firstborn)? What did the blood on the doorposts indicate about those sheltering inside? (See Exodus 12:12-13, 23, Proverbs 15:3)
13. How did God negotiate with Israel over establishing a king in Israel? How did God speak to Israel in the wilderness? How do we speak to God now? Does this indicate that God needs someone to tell Him what is going on in the world and in our lives? Explain. (See 1 Samuel 8:19-22, Jeremiah 16:17, Isaiah 66:1-2)