TEMPTATION

Every person alive is subject to it at one time or another. To some it comes quickly and without warning and to others it comes in increments, so the person being tempted hardly notices. But Satan is “like a roaring lion,” (1 Peter 5:8) looking for any who is vulnerable.

James says, “Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.” (James 1:13-14 ESV) So don’t blame it on God. A lot of people do, you know. One time a woman said that she believed God did not want her to be unhappy. That’s the reason she had divorced her first three husbands and married again. I told her that was the reason God gave us his rules in the Bible.

There are some kinds of sins I do not understand, for instance, a man or woman molesting their own children, or any child for that matter. I know two men, one was a gospel preacher and the other the son of one, who are spending life in prison because of this sin. Satan must really have a “choke hold” on those who do such things.

A person doesn’t have to be a child molester to find condemnation from God. If you wanted to make a list it would be very long one that would get you in trouble with God.

Understand also that the strongest thing against temptation is the word of God. Read about the temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4. Three times Satan tempted Him and three times the Lord said to Satan “It is written,” verses 4, 7 and 10.

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