

“THE SEED OF OBEDIENCE IN THE SOIL OF TEMPTATION”

What are the temptations that constantly assault us in our culture?

What is the difference between temptation and sin? When does one turn into the other?

What was the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? When did it turn from temptation into sin? How is this same temptation being offered today?

What does Dr. Martin mean by “the soil of temptation?” What is “the seed of obedience?” How can obedience become stronger in the midst of temptation?

Read Luke 4:1-13. Look at each temptation Jesus faced. What were the three temptations presented by the devil? What is the real temptation behind each of these tests? Why would they be considered significant to Jesus?

Hebrews 4:5 says, “For we do not have a high priest (*Jesus*) who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.” How does Jesus victory over temptation help you? Why was Jesus baptized by John, if it was not for cleansing from sin?

What does our response to temptation teach us about ourselves?

How do we build up our resistance to temptation?

What does the Word of God, the Scriptures, have to do with resisting temptation? How has Scripture memory or simply remembering certain passages in troubled times been helpful to you?

How can the soil of temptation act as quicksand that smothers our obedience to the Word of God in our life?

What are the benefits of obedience in our lives? How can the seed of obedience grow and flourish in our life?