

“THE SPELL OF TEMPTATION”
Series: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
Sermon Questions for *The Path*

In what ways did the influence of Dark Island affect the voyagers of the Dawn Treader?

How is temptation a part of the voyage (the Christian journey) of every Christian?

What do we mean by the *spell* of temptation? What happens to us when we are tempted? How do we treat others? What do we think about God when we are tempted?

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

Read 1 John 2:15-17 in the King James Version. What are the 3 categories of temptations given? What do they mean? (*Don't get bogged down on whether people believe these are enough categories – it is simply a tool to understand temptation.*)

Why was the spell of beauty dangerous for Lucy? If you had a Book of Incantations, what spell would you like to cast? What do you think is one of the most predominant temptations people face today? (*Power, money, acceptance, lust, relationships, etc.?*) How did Lucy resist saying the words of the spell? If you knew Jesus was standing right there next to you, how would that change your response to temptation?

Why was the water that turned everything into gold a temptation? What happened to Edmond and Caspian when they realized the water turned things into gold? How is the “love of money” the root of many evils?

Talk about how the temptations of the White Witch recurred in Edmond's life in each of the 3 Narnia movies. How did Edmond deal with each experience? Read 1 John 1:9. How might this scripture be encouraging to someone who keeps giving in to the same temptation?

Dr. Martin said three things can help in breaking the spell of (resisting) temptation: Scripture, prayer, friends. Discuss how each of these might help.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 in more than one translation. What is this verse saying about temptation?