

**CORONATION: The Temptation of a King**  
Matthew 4:1-17

**In the sermon, it was noted that many temptations follow seasons of success or can come when one is hungry, angry, lonely or tired?**

*Have you ever observed that pattern in your life or other people's lives?*

*If so, why do you think those are times when we are susceptible to temptation?*

*What, if any, other times do you think we are susceptible to temptation?*

*What are practical ways that we can guard ourselves against temptation?*

*Do you think most people share the areas of their temptation with other people or keep those private? Do you think it is more helpful to share areas of temptation than to keep them to oneself? What keeps people from sharing the things which tempt them?*

**The point was made that at the root of every sin is (i) an enemy who wants you to turn from God and (ii) a lie that has been believed.**

*Discuss that point.*

**The text discussed three particular categories of temptation that Jesus faced: (i) the temptation to meet our wants and desires in our way, not God's; (ii) the temptation to doubt if God can be taken at His word; (iii) the temptation to have it all now and avoid the "cost" of obedience and delayed gratification.**

*What are some particular sins or bad choices that might flow from each of those categories of temptation?*

*Do you think one of those temptations is more "tempting" than the others?*

**Read I Corinthians 10:13**

*In the moment of temptation do you think most Christians realize God has promised a "way out" so that they do not need to sin?*

*Why wouldn't we always take the "way out" that God provides instead of giving into sin?*

*Are there any practical ways, when tempted, that we can remind ourselves of the truth that God has provided an escape?*