

TEMPTING GOD

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I Corinthians 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed.

What does it mean to tempt God? How is it possible for a mere mortal to tempt God? Just maybe we can find a scripture that will tell us what we do that tempts Him.

Numbers 14:22 ' Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;' Wow! They tempted ten times. I've never done anything near like that! Have I? I wonder what those ten times were.

1 Ex 5:21 you made us stink in the eyes of Pharaoh.

2 Ex 6:9 hearkened not, for anguish of spirit

3 Ex 14:11, 12 no graves in Egypt?

4 EX 15:23 bitter waters

5 Ex 16:2 nothing to eat, then manna

6 Ex 17:1 water from the rock

1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying,

7 Is the LORD among us, or not?

Deut 6:16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

Deut 9:22 Ye provoked the Lord to wrath. At Taberah,

8 Num 11:1- fire burned people in uttermost part of the camp =Taberah

9 Num 11:18-33 eat flesh for a whole month quail

10 Num 14:2 refused to fight for the promised land

11 Num 14:11 Provoked me, I will disinherit them

12 Num 14:44 they presumed to go up anyway

13 Num 16:11 saying you take too much on yourselves.

14 Num 21:4 discouraged because of the way

Num 21:4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

God said "you tempted me 10 times". I came up with 14.
Oh well!

Matt 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Psalm 78:18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

Psalm 78:56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:
Well, I ended up with 14 examples just with the coming out of Egypt. There's more:

Matt 7:11 If you being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask?

Detour

Asking is not tempting. My aunt said I could not have the book, because I had asked for it. If I had not asked for it, she would have given it to me. This was a real surprise. Such a thought had never crossed my mind. I was 13 or so. My mother and father didn't teach me that. In our house we were taught to ask for what we wanted.

Matt 21:22. And all things, whatsoever you ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

James 4:3. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

1 John 3:22. And what so ever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

I taught my children to ask. I can refuse. If I don't want to, I don't have to give. But I don't always know they want a particular item. I am always pleased to get a birth or graduation announcement. If I don't want to send a gift, I won't. But I am really pleased to get the news.

Luke 11:11. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Matt 7:9. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

The scriptures teach us to ask. There are no limitations put on our asking. If Father doesn't want to give the thing asked for, don't worry, He won't. Any more than you would give a sharp knife to a small child that had asked for it. I don't know any scripture that tells anyone to not ask. But they do imply asking nicely.

End of detour

Matt 10:25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Matt 22:18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

Acts 5:9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Deut 8:1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.
2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.
3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.
4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.
5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.
6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.
7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;
8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;
9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.
10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.
11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:
12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;
13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;
14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;
15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;
16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;
17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.
18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.
19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.
20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

So I guess in my world that would translate as a small child saying "You never do any thing nice for me." Or "I never get to go any where," or "Everybody else has one, but me, only me." That tempts me to do what they accuse me of. I am tempted to not do the good thing I had planned. What this child should say is some thing like this, "You are so good to me, Daddy, and I know you want to get this for me." Or "You have taken me to so many different, wonderful places, that now I would like to go to this place." Or "I have many

things that are better than anybody else, there's just one thing I yet lackest."

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There is yet this scripture in Isaiah 40:21. I can just hear that exasperated parent saying, "Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

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Isaiah 40:28 says, Hast thou not known? Hast not thou heard ? That the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary ? There is no searching of His understanding.
29. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.
31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run, and not be weary. They shall walk, and not faint.

If I have that much strength, I can get a fancy car, and travel extensively. And have beautiful clothes. And also have plenty of money to give to the poor. My house can be big enough to take in folks.

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