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Tempted We Are

Lesson for January 19, 1957

EVERYBODY is a sinner yet not everybody is tempted to the same sin. But being tempted is not a sign of sin. The church believes that the same Jesus who "in every respect has been tempted as we are" (Hebrews 4:15) nevertheless was tempted without sinning. It would be a mistake to suppose that in order to be tempted as we are, Jesus would have to have been tempted to all the sins there are. What this means is simply that the way he was tempted is the way we are tempted.

At Night's Moments

One thing we can learn from Christ's temptations is that it is not possible in this life to be guaranteed freedom from temptation. In the first place, it can be said that only serious-minded high-principled persons know what real temptation is. Weak, flabby, frivolous persons fall no pull or push; they drop into sin like a stone into water. You can't feel temptation without resisting. Low-minded people do what they feel like doing without thinking. They aren't even aware they have sinned. They are like dirty little boys who can't see the sin in washing - they feel clean enough. It is the clean person who is conscious of dirt on his hands or clothes. So only the person with real convictions and ideals can feel the tug of temptation. It is only people with consciences who can be tempted to go against their conscience. Now high-minded people, people who really want to please God, often wish they could reach a stage in life where they wouldn't have to struggle to be good and to do right. But the story of Jesus shows that this is a false hope. Jesus had just been baptized when his great temptations came. If ever there was a consecrated, holy person, conscious of God's approval, it was Jesus at that time. If ever there was a person filled with the Holy Spirit, it was he. Yet Matthew tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit to be tempted! In life's highest and holiest moments one is tempted to say, "Now I am safe. But that may be the very moment the great struggle begins."

Tempted to Be Good

Again, the story of Jesus shows that sin may not always be something evil in itself. The three temptations of Jesus illustrate three levels of temptation, three levels of sin. Falling down and worshipping Satan is obviously the sin of sins. Jumping off a temple roof isn't so much wicked as it is foolish; but playing the fool is still sin. (If the President of the United States rolled his Secretary of State down Pennsylvania Avenue in a wheelbarrow, it might not be wicked, but for him it would be very wrong indeed.) But turning stones into bread - that would be a helpful thing in a country full of poor people. Nothing was said about Jesus using the bread for himself alone. And if he could turn stones into bread he could turn them into medicine, into meat, into manna. Not wicked, not foolish. But still wrong; because Jesus was commissioned to do something more profound, more radical than supplying people with bread. He came to change men from the inside, to feed their souls. So we, like the Master, are sometimes tempted to do what is good, when what is better is possible. "To clothe a naked good," said Paul W. M. Urban, "in the presence of a greater, is the essence of wrong."

Sword of the Spirit

Another way in which the Christian can learn from Christ's temptations is by observing how he met them. He did not play around with them. He did not say, "Well, there is something in what you say." He did not debate what for him was not debatable. And he met each temptation with a word from God's Word. Each of the quotations he makes, ("It is written") came from the same book of the Old Testament, Deuteronomy. If Jesus could find help in time of temptation in his Bible, surely the Christian of today is cutting himself off from a major source of strength if when temptation comes the best he can think of is, "I am sure there is a verse in the Bible about this somewhere, but I can't think what it is." The best way to have the Bible ready for daily help is not to have it on a shelf, but to have it as a treasure in the mind.

The gospel for the new year is earnestness, enthusiasm, enterprise, and a happy exchange of the old for the new.

Rural Churches

WHEN CIRCUIT E.U.B.

A. N. Straley, Pastor

RETH: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Lesson: "Wise Men Seek Jesus". 10:30 a.m. Prayer Service. 7:30 p.m. Evening Service of Worship. Sermon: "New Lamps for Old".

WOOD CHAPEL: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Service of Holy Communion.

THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, January 13 - 7:30 p.m.

BETHEL: Evangelistic Campaign begins with Rev. Raymond Jewell of Fort Wayne as Evangelist.

PLEASANT MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH: Chan O. Masten, Pastor. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. If you are in no Sunday School, come to Pleasant Mills Baptist. Start the New Year right. COME. Read Luke. W. M. S. of the church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. F. Halberstadt St. Wed. eve. 7:00. Bring your old muslin for White Cross work.

MONROE METHODIST CHURCH: Willis Giehart, Minister. Sun. Jan. 6. 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Church School. 6:30 p.m. New Year's Communion Service. People may come and leave as they choose. Mon. Jan. 7. 7:15 p.m. Church School Workers training program. Wed. Jan. 9. 6:30 p.m. Youth and Junior Choir. 7:30 p.m. Midweek Service. 8:15 p.m. Adult Choir.

ST. LUKE EVANG. AND REF. CHURCH - HONDURAS: Louis C. Minsterman, minister. 9:00 Church Service. 10:00 Sunday School. Sermon: "Facing Tomorrow". Installation of Church Officers. Monday 7:30 Girls Guild at Zimmers.

ST. JOHN EVANG. AND REF. CHURCH - VERA CRUZ: Louis C. Minsterman, minister. 9:30 Sunday School. 10:30 Church Service. Sermon: "Facing Tomorrow". Installation of Church Officers. Dedication of Altar cross and Candle Sticks. 2:00 Consistory meeting. Wednesday All-day Womens Guild meeting.

ST. PAUL MISSIONARY CHURCH: Louis Kietzbach, pastor. 9:15 Morning Worship. 10:15 Sunday School. Wednesday: 7:30 Mid-week prayer service. Gleaners. Sunshine Makers.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST: Dennis Johnson, pastor. Apple Grove. 9:30 Sunday School. 7:30 Evening Worship. 8:00 Wed. eve prayer meeting. Winchester. 9:00 Sunday School. 10:00 Morning Worship. 7:30 Wed. eve prayer meeting.

MT. TABOR METHODIST CHURCH: Edgar Johnston, Pastor. Sunday School 9:30. Next worship service, Jan. 13. 10:30. Communion of Lord's Supper.

UNION CHAPEL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH: Lawrence T. Norris, Pastor. "WE WELCOME EVERY ONE TO WORSHIP WITH US ALWAYS". 9:30 Sunday School. Warren Nidlinger Supt. Rolland Gilmom Asst. 10:20 Worship Service. Evening Services. 7:30 Prayer Meeting. Omer Merriam Leader. 7:30 Youth Fellowship. Mary Spiekman President.

SALEM METHODIST: Billy Springfield, pastor. 9:30 a.m. Woshp Services - In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Billy Springfield, Dr. Herbert Byrne, outstanding pastor, educator and Sunday School Worker will be the guest speaker. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School. PLEASANT METHODIST: 9:30 Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Woshp Services - In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Billy Springfield, Dr. Herbert Byrne, outstanding pastor, educator and Sunday School Worker will be the guest speaker. 7:30 p.m. Woshp Services. Rev. Louis Kietzbach, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Church, will be the guest speaker. Thursday Evening - 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH: H. E. Settlage, Pastor. 9:00 Sunday School. Classes for all age groups. 10:00 Woshp Service, Sermon, "What is your Life?" Installation of Church Officers. 7:00 Youth Fellowship Meeting. Tuesday 6:30 Women's Guild Pot Luck dinner Meeting. Wednesday 7:30 Ladies Chorus Rehearsal. Saturday 9:00 Confirmation Class Instruction. 10:00 Childrens Choir Rehearsal.

TRIO AT DECATUR CHURCH OF GOD

MT. PLEASANT: A. M. Christie, Minister. S. S. - 9:30 a.m. - Everett Singleton, Supt. M. Y. F. - 7 p.m. - Brice Sheets Adult Sponsor. W. S. C. S. - Thurs., Jan. 10th Hostess Mrs. Roger Singleton. Time 1 p.m. You are invited to attend our services.

PLEASANT DALE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: John D. Misher, Pastor. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School with Mr. Loyd Byerly as superintendent and Mrs. Anoll Mann as Children's Director. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship centered on the theme "Prayer and the Christian Life." 7:30 p.m. Evening service with the pastor using the message "Effective Prayer." 8:30 p.m. CBYF meeting. Wednesday Bible study and prayer service at 7:30 p.m. The School of Christian Life and Faith will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. also. Monday evening Leadership Training School in first session at the Monroe Methodist church at 7:15 p.m. Begin your New Year and each new day with personal contact with God in prayer and a desire to serve Him faithfully.

The Harmonettes trio, of Anderson College, will present a program of hymns, gospel songs and messages at the Decatur Church of God at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. W. H. Kirkpatrick, pastor, also announced that a get-acquainted hour with the youth of the church will be held during the 10:30 Sunday school hour, with Kathryn Stewler as teacher. Members of the group, left to right, are Lois Stephenson, Helen Frost, Lottie Borlin, with Shirley German as accompanist.

WASHINGTON (UP) - House Democratic leaders have made the No. 1 bill of the new Congress a three-billion-dollar federal program to help build new public schools. The legislation - introduced by Rep. Augustus B. Kelley (D-Pa.) - was assigned the top spot as "H.R. 10" among the mass of bills introduced by House members on the opening day of Congress Thursday.

At the same time, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) introduced a big school construction bill of his own containing the same anti-segregation provision which helped defeat school aid legislation last year.

Designation of Kelley's bill as H.R. 10 does not automatically give it priority over other measures. But House leaders generally reserve the first bill number for legislation they consider particularly important.

The Kelley-Powell bills were among an estimated 2,000 first-day bills introduced in the House. They called for nearly everything from an eight-billion-dollar tax cut to an investigation of why "those people" don't vote. Many like the tax bill, were offered with no hope of passage.

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Fire Department Answers Rural Call

The Decatur fire department answered a rural call at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Davis farm across the road from Clem's lake. The chimney had evidently caught on fire inside and smoke from the blaze backed into the house. No fire damage was caused.

County Rural Youth Given Gold Award

Adams county rural youth was one of ten groups in the state to receive a gold award from the WLS dinner bell program at the 21st annual state rural youth day at Purdue Thursday. Fifteen local members were present for the ceremony.

More than 570 rural youth members from all parts of the state took part in the program. Robert Sprunger and Beulah Bertsch represented Adams county on the IFYE panel to discuss the farm youth exchange program with foreign countries.

Gloria Koehneman, president of district four of the rural youth, led a group discussion on rural youth problems. Dr. Kenneth McFarland, educational consultant and lecturer for General Motors, spoke on "Leaders for America." At the evening banquet Russell J. Humbert, president of DePauw University, spoke on "Why Walk Alone?"

Sally McCullough and Gloria Koehneman led folk games and called for a square dance during the friendship party that followed the evening program. Others attending the affair were Lesora Markle, Barbara Lewton, Alice Kukulhan, Kathleen Boerger, Marva Schaefer, Nancy Shoaf, Carl Blum, Larry Wilson, Earl Yoder, and Dal Neuschwander.

Man Found Sleeping In Decatur Church

A Lexington, Ky., man went from church to jail this morning after he was found by the janitor of a local church.

Chester W. Saxton, 47, was charged with public intoxication and is being held at the Adams county jail pending arraignment in court. He was found sleeping in one of the pews of the church, which he apparently decided would be a quiet place to rest.

Buyers Health Bond

Help Fight TB

Christmas Greetings

Buy Christmas Seals

hTe Geneva Lions club has voted purchase of a \$5 health bond officials of the Christmas seal sale campaign in Adams county announced today. All proceeds from the annual Christmas seal sale are used in the fight on tuberculosis and to provide free clinics and otherwise carry on the fight against the "white plague." The sale is conducted by the Adams county tuberculosis association.

Halterman Family Now In Cincinnati

Decatur friends of the John Halterman family, formerly of this city, have learned they have moved from Walled Lake, Mich., near Detroit, to Cincinnati, O., where Mr. Halterman is operating a five cent to a dollar store. He formerly operated Halterman's store, which now is Blackwell's.

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