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Tests, Part 2

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 34:28)

Scripture Reading

Bible Reader: (0:04 - 1:19), John Nousek

1 Peter 1:6-9

- The speaker introduces a reading from 1 Peter 1:6-9, emphasizing rejoicing in trials that strengthen faith.

Summary

Preacher: Jim Lokenbauer

(1:24 - 5:10) Jesus' Temptation in the Wilderness

- The message centers on overcoming tests, which God observes as efforts to prepare individuals spiritually.
- Recap of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, as described in Luke 4:1-13, where He fasted for 40 days and was tested by Satan.
- Jesus resists the devil by quoting Scripture, relying on God's word rather than succumbing to physical hunger.

(5:11 - 8:00) Jesus' Obedience and Strength through Testing

- Jesus, following His baptism, was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tested as part of God's purpose.
- His trials demonstrate His self-control and obedience, making Him the perfect sacrifice who understands human suffering and temptation.

(8:03 - 10:00) Jesus' Endurance as an Example

- The speaker notes Jesus' ability to resist temptation despite intense physical and spiritual struggles, serving as an example for believers.
- Jesus' experiences allow Him to empathize with human trials.

(10:00 - 12:22) The Role of Fasting and God's Strength

- Jesus' fasting strengthened Him spiritually despite physical weakness.
- Fasting shows dedication to God and invites blessings, reinforcing that God is the ultimate provider.

(12:23 - 14:08) Satan's Attempts to Undermine Jesus' Divinity

- Satan tempted Jesus to use His divine power for personal needs, aiming to exploit His human side and break His character.
- Jesus counters with Scripture, emphasizing reliance on God's word over physical sustenance.

(14:09 - 17:12) Further Temptations and Jesus' Resilience

- Satan's further attempts to sway Jesus include offering worldly power if Jesus worships him.
- Jesus, creator of all, finds Satan's request absurd and responds with Scripture to reassert God as the only one to worship.

(17:13 - 19:05) Final Temptation and Misinterpretation of Scripture

- Satan misapplies Psalm 91, suggesting Jesus jump from the temple to test God's protection.
- Jesus refuses, recognizing the tactic as a test of faith and subtly mocking Satan's lack of power over Him.

(19:07 - 20:07) Satan's Limited Power and Permission

- Satan needs God's permission to test or harm believers, as seen in the cases of Job and Peter.
- Jesus reassures Peter that despite upcoming trials, he will be strengthened and, in turn, support others facing temptations.

(20:07 - 20:19) Denial and Temptation

- The speaker discusses how denying Jesus, even in minor ways, opens a path for Satan to influence believers.

(20:20 - 20:44) The Role of Proxies in Temptation

- Satan uses proxies, like the servant questioning Peter, to challenge believers, emphasizing vigilance against subtle forms of temptation.

(20:50 - 21:08) Testing Jesus' Faith on the Temple

- The speaker reflects on Satan's temptation of Jesus on the temple's peak, appealing to pride by suggesting Jesus prove his divinity by jumping.

(21:09 - 21:23) Jesus' Response to Temptation

- Jesus' response to Satan, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test," shows wisdom in resisting pride and temptation.

(21:26 - 21:58) Jesus' Mastery over Temptation

- Jesus models the correct use of God's word to resist temptation; though Satan leaves, he later returns to tempt Judas.

(22:20 - 22:39) Lessons on Resisting Temptation

- The speaker emphasizes that Jesus' actions teach how to resist temptation, with God allowing tests to strengthen believers' faith.

(22:40 - 23:14) Strength through the Holy Spirit and God's Word

- Passing tests in life requires guidance from the Holy Spirit and a strong foundation in God's word. God works to make hearts sensitive to the Spirit's lead.

(23:14 - 23:31) Distractions and Evil Influences

- To discern God's will, people must avoid distractions and steer clear of negative influences in their lives.

(23:31 - 23:51) New Christians and Separation from the Past

- New believers should separate from old habits and influences that may pull them away from faith, to prevent backsliding.

(23:53 - 24:20) Separation from Worldliness

- Christians are encouraged to avoid worldly temptations, as friendliness with the world is equated with enmity toward God.

(24:21 - 24:59) Fellowship with Believers

- The speaker encourages fellowship with other believers and maintaining a distance from ungodly people, while still sharing the gospel with them.

(24:59 - 25:33) Paul's Teaching on Unequal Yokes

- Citing Paul's advice, the speaker stresses avoiding close bonds with nonbelievers to maintain a godly influence.

(25:34 - 26:18) **Baptism and Spiritual Cleansing**

- Baptism is described as a spiritual renewal, marking the death of one's old nature and rebirth in Christ, symbolizing new purity.

(26:19 - 26:55) **Breaking from Past Affiliations**

- Through baptism, believers leave behind previous beliefs and affiliations, entering a new relationship as the "bride of Christ."

(27:18 - 28:00) **Ongoing Spiritual Renewal**

- Baptism offers continuous spiritual cleansing through Christ's sacrifice, enabling believers to serve and worship God with clean hearts.

(28:02 - 28:20) **Spiritual Circumcision**

- Baptism is seen as a form of spiritual circumcision, transforming believers to think and live in alignment with God.

(29:09 - 30:36) **Baptism and Covenant with Christ**

- Baptism represents entry into Christ's covenant, symbolizing a promise of resurrection and assurance of salvation.

(30:37 - 30:54) **New Identity in Christ**

- Baptism gives believers a new identity as "Christians" and members of the spiritual Israel, representing a commitment to Christ.

(31:08 - 31:51) **The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

- At baptism, believers receive the Holy Spirit, which guarantees their belonging to God and aids in their spiritual understanding and growth.

(31:52 - 32:14) **A Clear Conscience through Forgiveness**

- Baptism brings a clear conscience, freeing believers from past guilt as God no longer remembers their sins.

(32:15 - 32:41) **Baptism as a Sacrificial Transfer of Sin**

- The speaker likens baptism to the ritual sacrifice where sins were transferred to an offering; Jesus is the ultimate, perfect sacrifice.

(33:20 - 34:21) **Rising from Baptism as a New Creation**

- Baptism symbolizes a spiritual death and resurrection, making believers new, unstained by sin, and ready to serve God. The speaker concludes by inviting those struggling with faith to seek prayer and support.