

Chapter 13: The Victory

1. Satan could not compel Jesus to sin, and Jesus did not fall. Satan can never compel us to sin either, so why do Christians frequently fall?
2. Jesus “endured the test, greater than we shall ever be called to endure.” What made these temptations great for Him?
3. When you think of the temptations you are now facing, what tools does this chapter present that will help you overcome them?

Additional Thoughts

1. What subtle way did Satan suppose to (believed to) have Jesus meet him on His own ground? (Page 124 or 59/1)
2. How do you feel about the following quotes from this chapter? (Page 125 or 59/2 - 60/1)

“But while Satan can solicit, he cannot compel to sin.”

“The tempter can never compel us to do evil. He cannot control minds unless they are yielded to his control. The will must consent, faith must let go its hold upon Christ, before Satan can exercise his power upon us. But every sinful desire we cherish affords him a foothold. Every point in which we fail of meeting the divine standard is an open door by which he can enter to tempt and destroy us. And every failure or defeat on our part gives occasion for him to reproach Christ.”

3. What does this quote say about how we sometimes live? (Page 125 or 60/1)

“While manifesting perfect trust in His Father, He would not place Himself, unbidden, in a position that would necessitate the interposition of His Father to save Him from death. He would not force Providence to come to His rescue, and thus fail of giving man an example of trust and submission. “

4. Give an illustration of how the following statement should be applied. (Page 126 or 60/1 - 60/2)

“We should not present our petitions to God to *prove* whether He will fulfill His word, but *because* He will fulfill it; not to prove that He loves us, but because He loves us.”

5. “For presumption is Satan's counterfeit of faith.” What is the difference between faith and presumption? (Page 126 or 60/2)
6. Apply the following quote to us today. (Page 126-127 or 60/2 - 61/1)

“When God brings us into trial, He has a purpose to accomplish for our good. Jesus did not presume on God's promises by going unbidden into temptation, neither did He give up to despondency when temptation came upon Him. Nor should we.”

7. How much authority does Satan have? (Page 130 or 61/2)
8. How complete was Christ's victory? (Page 130 or 62/1)
9. Does this give you hope and why? (Page 130 or 62/2)

“Satan trembles and flees before the weakest soul who finds refuge in that mighty name.”

10. Personal views:
 - A. List a favorite section from the reading.
 - B. List some new thought from this reading.