

Sermon Notes
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“SHORT TIME PLEASURES OR LIFE LONG BLESSINGS?”
(Hebrews 11:24-28)

Introduction: Our text reveals how **{MOSES}** overcame temptation. (1) He made a **{CHOICE}**; (2) He chose the **{LONG TERM}** over the short **{TERM}**; (3) He did so by **{FAITH}**!

I. WHAT IS {TEMPTATION}?

*Hebrews 4:15 *Matthew 4:1 *Acts 20:19 *James 1:14-15

Note: Temptation is not **{SIN}**. It is not **{ALWAYS TO DO EVIL?}**.

II. WHO IS {TEMPTED}?

*James 1:14a *I Corinthians 10:13a *I Peter 5:8-9 *Genesis 22:1-2 *Genesis 22:12

III. WHO IS {SOURCE} OF TEMPTATION?

*James 1:13 *Ephesians 6:11-12 *I Thessalonians 3:5 *II Corinthians 11:3

Note: We will always be tempted in areas where we **{FAILED}** before (Matthew 12:43-45).

IV. HOW CAN WE {OVERCOME} TEMPTATION?

1. Avoid **{PLACES}** of temptation. (I Thessalonians 5:22; Proverbs 4:14-15)
2. Avoid **{PEOPLE}** who tempt you to do wrong. (I Corinthians 15:33; Genesis 39:7-12)
3. Avoid **{PRACTICES}** which lead to sin. (I Corinthians 7:1-2; Proverbs 26:11)
4. Always **{PROTECT}** your intimacy with God. (Luke 4:1-4; Matthew 6:13)
5. Meditate upon the **{PROMISES}** of God. (James 1:12; I Corinthians 10:13; James 4:7; II Peter 2:9)

Conclusion: The battle with temptation will be **{DAILY}** (Luke 9:23-24).