

³⁷Jesus said to him, "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:37-38 (NKJV)



ABOVE ALL

MOUNT WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA'S HIGHEST PEAKS

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1. ABOVE ALL PLEASURES OR PASSIONS AND POSSESSIONS



God does not TEMPT



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James 1:12-13

¹²Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ **Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.**

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James 1:14-15

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV)

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NLT)

These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

All tests are for our benefit
Designed to strengthen us!





Deuteronomy 8:16

He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good.



Psalm 66:10

You have tested us, O God;
you have purified us like silver.



Jeremiah 17:10

You have tested us, O God;
you have purified us like silver.



James 1:12

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him



1 Peter 1:7

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world



**Temptation and tests are always about
what we value!**






THE
TEMPTATION





1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

¹³No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.





1 John 2:16 TLB

The craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance, these are not from God, they are part of this evil world that tempt us.



What Matters Most?



**“You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.”**



2. Above all People



3. Above all Powers





How to overcome

TEMPTATION





How to overcome

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PRAY



How to overcome

TEMPTATION



SAY



How to overcome

TEMPTATION



SURVEY



How to overcome

TEMPTATION



OBEY



How to overcome

TEMPTATION



PRAY, SAY, SURVEY, OBEY