

Did Christ ever *feel* tempted to sin?--NO WAY!!

(Heb 4:15 KJV) "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin."

If this verse means that Christ was enticed to commit sin but did not yield, then consider these parallel passages and apply that reasoning.

(Acts 5:9 KJV) "Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out." (Can anyone say that the Holy Spirit could be enticed to commit evil???)

(Acts 15:10 KJV) "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?" (Could the Father possibly be tempted, in our ordinary way of speaking, to commit evil? -a monstrous thought!)

(1 Cor 10:9 KJV) "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents."

(Heb 3:8-9 KJV) "Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: {9} When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years." (These are Old Testament references to Christ in the wilderness with the children of Israel. Could it *possibly* mean Christ in heaven lured to commit evil? OF COURSE NOT!)

Tempt- "peirazo"

The word used in the New Testament for tempt in all its forms is always a form of the Greek word "peirazo." It means to try, to test, to trial, to assay, or to prove. Furthermore, it does not in any way address the response of the one being tested. If somehow you could ever say that Christ was tempted to commit evil in the same way our sinful flesh is enticed to do so, then He would no longer be the perfect, spotless Lamb of God, would He? For sin is first a matter of the heart and intent.

(James 1:13-15 KJV) "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: {14} But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. {15} Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

(Mat 4:1 KJV) "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted** of the devil."

(Mat 4:7 KJV) "Jesus said unto him, **It is written again, Thou shalt not **tempt** the Lord thy God.**"

(Mat 16:1 KJV) "The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and **tempting** desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven."

(Mat 22:18-19 KJV) "But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, **Why **tempt** ye me, ye hypocrites? {19} Show me the tribute money.** And they brought unto him a penny."

(Mat 22:35 KJV) "Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, **tempting** him, and saying,"

(Mark 1:13 KJV) "And he was there in the wilderness forty days, **tempted** of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him."

(Mark 10:2 KJV) "And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife? **tempting** him."

(Rev 3:10 KJV) "**Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of **temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**"

(Acts 16:7 KJV) "After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not."

(Acts 24:6 KJV) "Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law."

(1 Cor 7:5 KJV) "Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."

(1 Cor 10:13 KJV) "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*."

(2 Cor 13:5 KJV) "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

(Gal 6:1 KJV) "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

(Heb 2:18 KJV) "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

(Heb 11:17 KJV) "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*."

(Heb 11:37 KJV) "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;"

(Rev 2:2 KJV) "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:"

(Rev 2:10 KJV) "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

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The Sinless Son Of God

The virgin birth assured that Christ was not born with a fleshly sin nature as the rest of us. His Father was God, consequently there was never the possibility of sin in Him, any more than in the Holy Spirit or in the Father Himself. He did not have the corrupted seed line as all in Adam have.

(Luke 1:35 KJV) "And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**"

(Phil 2:5-8 KJV) "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: {6} Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: {7} But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: {8} And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

These verses are a formidable study in themselves, but suffice it to say here that several different words are used in the original for the underlined words. The words for form are the Greek "morphē" meaning substance or nature. The word for fashion is "schema" which means external condition. Finally, the word for likeness is "homoïoma" meaning similitude. This is the exact word used as follows in Rom. 1:23, 5:14, and 8:3:

(Rom 1:23 KJV) "And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things."

(Rom 5:14 KJV) "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."

(Rom 8:3 KJV) "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

These verses also speak to Lord Jesus Christ's inherent righteousness and holiness.

(Acts 3:14 KJV) "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;"

(Acts 13:35 KJV) "Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

Sinful flesh always sees corruption on death, for corruption cannot inherit incorruption; however Christ was *not* sinful flesh. 1 Cor. 15 speaks directly to this:

(1 Cor 15:42-47 KJV) "So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: {43} It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: {44} It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. {45} And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. {46} Howbeit that *was not first* which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. {47} The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven."

(Rom 5:14-21 KJV) "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. {15} But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. {16} And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification. {17} For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) {18} Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. {19} For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. {20} Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: {21} That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

(1 Cor 15:22 KJV) "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

(Heb 7:26-27 KJV) "For such an high priest became us who is holy, harmless, undefiled, , separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; {27} Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."

(1 Pet 1:19 KJV) "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: "

(1 Pet 3:18 KJV) "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"

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