



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

## **Temptations!**

We think of temptations as something related to fleshly desires. Temptations of the flesh are a daily battle against the love of money, sex, eating, drinking, stealing, lying, and coveting. We know from 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) that God is faithful to provide a way of escaping temptations.

Temptations also come through a thought, dream, or reading a scripture we believe has come from the Holy Spirit. The temptation is not to do what the Holy Spirit has communicated to us in a thought, dream, or bible verse. Jesus set the example for us when he was in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1). Satan tempted him to focus on himself rather than do what his father had sent him to do. Satan tempts people not to accept Jesus as the Son of God and their Savior. Many do not accept Jesus.

Some who they have accepted Jesus do not continue with him. They allow the challenges of life to turn them away from him. They do not walk with Jesus anymore (John 6:66). Thus, they miss receiving the kingdom of God where they can eat and drink at his table (Luke 22:28). They also miss the blessings that God continually sends into the lives of those who believe in and walk with Jesus.

Beloved, those who reject the temptation not to follow the Holy

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Spirit's guidance, believe so strongly that they go with Jesus into the world where people ridicule and persecute them for their belief (Hebrews 13:13). There really is only one decision: follow Jesus (Matthew 4:19)!

Shalom!!

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