

No. 9      Be Loyal, as Jesus Was (Symposium)  
            -When Tempted

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. Each part in this symposium will address (1) how our loyalty is challenged, (2) how Jesus maintained his loyalty, and (3) how we can maintain ours]

HOW IS OUR LOYALTY TO JEHOVAH CHALLENGED WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED? (1 min.)  
"The Tempter" and his demons observe us closely and then present temptations that might appeal to us personally (Mt 4:3; lv 190 ¶16)  
They may tempt us to be kind to ourselves and to do our own will instead of loyally doing Jehovah's will

HOW DID JESUS MAINTAIN HIS LOYALTY WHEN TEMPTED? (4 min.)  
Satan tempted Jesus to misuse his power to satisfy a fleshly desire  
He knew that Jesus was in a physically weakened state (Mt 4:3; cf 60 ¶12)

Jesus used the Scriptures, showing his determination to look to Jehovah for sustenance [Read Matthew 4:4]

Satan tempted Jesus to misuse his God-given authority (Mt 4:5, 6)

If such a miracle occurred, could anyone seeing it deny that Jesus was the Messiah?

Jesus again quoted from the Scriptures, showing his desire to do Jehovah's will [Read Matthew 4:7] (cf 60-61 ¶13)

Satan offered Jesus rulership in return for an act of worship (Mt 4:8, 9)

Jesus used the Scriptures to reject the idea of worshipping anyone other than Jehovah [Read Matthew 4:10]

Jesus loyally resisted any temptation to be kind to himself (Mt 16:21-23)

HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN OUR LOYALTY WHEN TEMPTED? (3 min.)

If Jesus relied on the Scriptures, how much more so should we!

Memorize and meditate on scriptures that deal with your specific weaknesses *before* the temptation resurfaces

Jesus' utmost concern was for his Father's feelings

If we are to resist temptation, Jehovah must be the most important Person in our life

Meditate on how your giving in to temptation would hurt Jehovah and damage your relationship with him

Pray intensely for holy spirit at the time of temptation (Mt 6:13)

In the following dramatization, note how a person can show loyalty when tempted

VIDEO (3 min.)

BE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN YOUR LOYALTY WHEN TEMPTED (1 min.)

Though he tries to exploit our weaknesses, Satan cannot force us to be disloyal

Like Jesus, we can reject "the Tempter"

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ will now develop the theme "Be Loyal, as Jesus Was -When Praised"

TO BE COVERED IN 12 MINUTES