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“OF TEMPTATION” SERIES OUTLINE

LESSON 1: NATURE OF TEMPTATION AND DEFINITIONS

Covers Chapters 1 and 2

- I. SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MATERIAL: MORTIFICATION AND INDWELLING SIN

- II. NATURE OF TEMPTATION (THEME TEXT: MATTHEW 26:41)
 - a. General Nature of Temptation
 - b. Special Nature of Temptation
 1. Why God Tempts
 2. The Way God Tempts
 3. The Way Satan Tempts

- III. DEFINING TEMPTATION
 - a. What Temptation Is and Is Not
 - b. The Conditions Surrounding Temptation

LESSON 2: OUR DUTY TO FIGHT

Covers Chapter 3

- I. THE GREAT DUTY OF BELIEVERS: BE DILIGENT NOT TO FALL INTO TEMPTATION
 - a. General Issues of Entering Into Temptation
 - b. Considering Ourselves
 1. We are weak
 2. Our Natural Strategies for Fighting Temptations are Insufficient
 3. Temptation: Public or Private
 4. The Effect and End of Temptation On Us

LESSON 3: THE EXTERNAL BATTLE

Covers Chapters 4-6

- I. HOW ONE KNOWS THEY HAVE ENTERED INTO TEMPTATION

- II. HOW TO PREVENT ENTERING INTO TEMPTATION: WATCH AND PRAY
 - a. Understand the Danger
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Watch the Seasons
 1. Unusual Outward Prosperity
 2. Neglect of Communion with God/Formality in Duty
 3. Great Spiritual Enjoyments
 4. Self-Confidence

LESSON 4: THE INTERNAL BATTLE AND SOLUTION

Covers Chapters 7-9

- I. WATCH THE HEART
 - a. Know Your Heart/Temperament
 - b. Fight Temptations of the Heart

- II. KEEP THE WORD OF CHRIST'S PATIENCE (THE GOSPEL)
 - a. Know the Gospel
 - b. Treasure the Gospel
 - c. Obey in Response to the Gospel

- III. HOW "KEEPING THE GOSPEL" PRESERVES FROM TEMPTATION
 - a. The Promise of Preservation
 - b. The Changed Heart
 - c. Consideration of Christ
 - d. Faith and Love

- IV. PROACTIVE CAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE PRESERVED FROM TEMPTATION

- V. A FINAL EXHORTATION TO "WATCH"