

Judges 3 This is a Test  
12/14/08 - The Exchange

- I. **3:1-6** Provides a nice review and segue.
  - A. **3:1-4** Is God setting His people up for failure? Tempting or testing?
    1. What is the difference between tempting and testing?
      - a) Tempt - entice or attempt to entice (someone) to do or acquire something that they find attractive but know to be wrong or not beneficial. **God never does this.**
      - b) How does temptation work and how do we beat it?
        - (1) **James 1:12-18** It isn't from God, it isn't from the Devil. It's our nature.
        - (2) **Romans 7:1-6** We can't beat it, we have to die to it. We need a new nature.
    2. What is the difference between tempting and testing?
      - a) Test - take measures to check the quality, performance, or reliability of (something), esp. before putting it into widespread use or practice. **God always does this.**
      - b) How and why does God tempt us?
        - (1) **Matthew 8:19-22** - The test of comfort
        - (2) **Luke 14:25-33** - The test of priorities
        - (3) **John 13:34-35** - The test of love
        - (4) **1 John 2:3-6** - The test of submission
        - (5) **Why? Judges 3:4** To know who we will obey.
  - B. **3:5-6**
    1. Coexist revisit
    2. **Suzie's Diet**
    3. What if you're in a situation where you have to? **1 Peter 2:4 - 3:6, 15**
      - a) Realize what you are and whose you are. **1 Peter 2:4-10.**
      - b) Realize sources of temptation and avoid them. **1 Peter 2:11-12.**
      - c) Realize your calling to be a reflection of Jesus Christ because He is alive in you. **1 Peter 2:13 - 3:6, 15.**
    4. Skip the shuffle, live in salvation land