

In this verse, Paul reminds us that temptation is a part of life. We will face temptations; however, God gives us special promises in relation to temptation. He reminds us that temptations are a reality but we can rely on God to see us through.

Temptation = The Greek word has a number of meanings. Here are three: 1. A proving, 2. An adversity, affliction, trouble: sent by God and serving to test or prove one’s character, faith, holiness, and 3. An enticement to sin.

I. The Commonality of Temptation

(Common – Gk. Characteristics of mankind)

- A. It is common to all the saints
(Acts 20:10; Gal. 4:14; I Tim. 6:9; I Pet. 1:6)
- B. It was common to the Savior
(Matt. 4:1; Heb. 4:15; Jn. 16:33)

II. The Control in Temptations

(“Will not...above that ye are able”)

- A. We are reminded of one of God’s attributes (Faithfulness)
- B. We are reminded of God’s actions (He is Sovereign – in control)

III. The Comfort in Temptation

- A. He enables us (an escape route) Heb. 2:18
- B. He gives us endurance (“We bear it”) Jam. 1:12