

Hebrews 2:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Analysis

'Suffered being tempted' emphasizes Christ's actual experience of temptation's pressure. The Greek 'peirazo' (tempted/tested) and 'paschein' (suffered) show that temptation itself involved suffering for the sinless One. His victory over temptation through suffering uniquely qualifies Him to aid ('boetheo'—run to the cry of) those currently being tempted. This is experimental, not just theoretical knowledge.

Historical Context

This verse addresses the pastoral concern of believers facing persecution and temptation to apostasy. Christ's temptations in the wilderness, Gethsemane, and on the cross demonstrate His empathy with human weakness.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does knowing Christ was tempted yet without sin encourage you in your battles with temptation?
2. In what current temptation do you need Christ's help and understanding?

Interlinear Text

ἐν	ὡς	γὰρ	πέπονθεν	αὐτὸς	πειραζομένοις	δύναται	τοῖς
in	that	For	hath suffered	himself	being tempted	he is able	G3588
G1722	G3739	G1063	G3958	G846	G3985	G1410	
πειραζομένοις				βοηθῆσαι			
				being tempted	to succour		
				G3985	G997		

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 10:13 (Parallel theme): There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Jude 1:24 (Parallel theme): Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Hebrews 5:2 (Parallel theme): Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

Revelation 3:10 (Parallel theme): Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

2 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Timothy 1:12 (Parallel theme): For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

John 10:29 (Parallel theme): My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Luke 22:53 (Parallel theme): When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

Philippians 3:21 (Parallel theme): Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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