

A Disciple's Dictionary
Who Tempts Us to Sin?
Genesis 22:1-2

Part 1

In order to *understand* **temptation**, we must *define* it **Biblically**.

Biblical Definition: Hebrew (*nacah*), Greek (*peirazo*) - **to test, try, prove, assay**

Where is the first occurrence in Scripture: Gen. 22:1-2

God **tempted**, or *more accurately*, **tested** Abraham's faith when He asked him to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

By **faith**, Abraham was *willing* to **obey** God, **trusting** that He *was able to* raise Isaac from the dead (Hebrews 11:17-19).

Part 2

Does God tempt us to sin?

God *NEVER* **tempts us to sin**, for He *CANNOT BE TEMPTED* by **evil** (James 1:13, 1 John 2:16).

God *always provides* a way of **escape** so that we can *get through it* (1 Corinthians 10:13).

The Bible teaches that we should be **joyful** in our temptations as *they produce* **faith and character** (James 1:2-3).

Part 3

Who does the tempting then?

Satan *will tempt us* (Adam & Eve, Matthew 4:1, 1 Peter 5:8-9)

Temptations come from **OURSELVES** (James 1:14-15)

God *allows* temptations to **prove** our *faith* and **test** our *character* (James 1:12, Job).