

Severe Temptations

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When faced with severe temptations and doubts, trust in God's plan and provision by remembering Bible verses and saying 'Yes, Father' prayers.

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Scripture: Psalm 4:3, Psalm 23:3, Proverbs 3:6, Matthew 26:39, John 16:27, 1 Corinthians 10:13, James 1:5

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Description

In this sermon, Basil E. Shlink addresses the times of severe temptations and doubts that we may face in our faith. He emphasizes the importance of relying on verses from the Bible to overcome these temptations. Shlink encourages believers to trust in God's guidance and to remain steadfast in the path they have chosen after seeking His direction. He also highlights the significance of praying 'Yes Father' prayers, surrendering our will to God's and trusting in His plan. Additionally, Shlink acknowledges that sometimes we may struggle to differentiate between God's will and our own, but assures that God will help us recognize our own will if we ask Him.

Transcript

God lives and works today. That is a fact which most of us can see. All we have to do is open our eyes and look around.

But let's face it, times do come when we can't see, times of severe temptations. Today's meditation by Basil E. Schlink gives some practical advice for just such times. All of us must pass through times of temptations which sometimes last for days or weeks.

Doubts concerning our faith torture us. We begin to doubt whether God said or meant a certain thing. We doubt whether we are on the right road.

We doubt whether God really lives, whether He is love. Verses from the Bible often help me overcome such temptations. I pronounce the pledges of the Lord.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Psalm 23, 3. Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself. Psalm 4, 3. The Father Himself loves you.

John 16, 27. Everything in our life, all the ways that we go, have been planned by God. If we have made a decision to go a certain way after asking Him in prayer to lead us along the correct path, we should remain

steadfast in it.

If later doubts and misgivings seek to plague us, we can assert, God is a Father. If His child has asked Him to lead him along the correct path, He cannot lead him along the wrong way. Therefore, I must be going the right way.

If I think that I understand God differently now than I did when I made the decision, then I can come to Him anew and lay the question before Him, and He will answer. He will answer either through inner certainty or through the people with whom we discuss the matter, if I ask Him to give these people the right words. However, if I have to fear that my own will is still so strong that I cannot differentiate between God's will and my own, I can ask Him to let me recognize my own will, and God will answer that prayer.

But it often happens that we come into temptation and wonder whether it is the right way, simply because it is too difficult for us. At such times, Satan has found a spot where he can attack us, that is, the spot which is too difficult for us. By rebelling even unconsciously, our reaction is, perhaps this really isn't the right way for me.

These thoughts begin to torture us. The more we look at the difficulties with fear, the worse the temptation becomes. In such times of temptations, it is important to remember what Jesus said in His great hour of temptation in Gethsemane.

It is up to us to say the same, clearly and definitely. Yes, Father, not as I will, but as Thou wilt. Such Yes, Father prayers are more precious to Him than a thousand other prayers, because our whole life, yes, often a sacrifice of life, stands behind them.

He repays such Yes prayers like no other prayer. He answers it with overflowing blessing and fullness of grace. Yes, O Father, I can trust Thee, who dost help and deal so justly, firmly planned with Thy sure aid.

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