

and needed. And of all encouragement to the tempted one, the example of Him who was in all points tempted like as we are, is the most comforting. "Tis one thing to be tempted," says Shakespeare, "another thing to fall." Yet many are in heaviness on account of their temptations, which may, if resisted, become means of grace and stepping-stones by which we climb to a higher and holier life. We can no more help being tempted than we can help the crows flying over our heads. But we need not, as Luther remarks, let the crows make their nests in our hair, nor temptations find a welcome in our hearts. This little volume is what its title page announces, a book of wise counsel and consolation to the tempted, founded upon the example of our great Model and Teacher.

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