

# SUMMARY AND REVIEW.

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**The wilderness and its temptations.** What a strange introduction this seems to our Lord's public ministry. To-day publicly recognizing God's claims and ordinances; to-day receiving in fullness the priceless gift of the Holy Spirit; and to-day carried away from holy society that could comfort and sustain into the solitude of a wilderness, into a hand to hand conflict with the mightiest and most relentless foe of our race, of the Master himself. Yet equipped with God's word and Spirit and fully consecrated the victory was sure.

Four thousand years before the first Adam was laid low by an attack through his appetite, sinless in itself, but gratified in a sinful way, the second Adam repelled a similar temptation by appealing to the divine law that man must live in God's appointed way and not by mistrusting or forestalling it. Baffled here Satan suggests an easy way for the Messiah to establish his reputation as such before Israel and at the same time to secure a token that he is indeed under the divine care by casting himself down from a dizzy height. This uncalled for tempting of Providence was instantly rejected. "It is written thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" flashed from the sword of the Spirit and the temptation fell harmless at the Saviour's feet.

The third temptation was an appeal to ambition, lawful in itself, but suggesting an unholy alliance with the ruler of the darkness of this world and for a worldly dominion instead of a spiritual and enduring kingdom. With a mighty indignation at Satan's unblushing but dazzling effrontery Jesus cries "avaunt" and hurls back the temptation with the victorious word "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him alone shalt thou serve."

1. The disciple must be as his Lord in service and trial.
2. Great privilege is attended by great trial.
3. Satan skillfully adapts his temptations to the peculiar conditions of the tempted.
4. We must meet them with God-given weapons—his Spirit and Word.

## BLACKBOARD.

- I. Temptation succeeds through weak flesh, weak faith, false ambition.
- II. Temptation is overcome through God's Scriptures, Spirit, Strength.

## Ten Minutes Normal Drill

Based on the text-book, "The Sabbath School Teacher's Handbook; or, The Principles and Practice of Teaching, with special reference to the Sabbath School," and prepared by Principal Kirkland of the Toronto Normal School.

### THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE IDEAL SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

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**VIII. The Sabbath School Teacher should possess an agreeable manner and a cheerful disposition.**—To many a pupil his teacher is the representative and embodiment of what a Christian ought to be, and if that teacher is of a fault-finding, sad and whining disposition, the pupil will naturally think that Christianity is not that joyous and beautiful thing that it is represented to be.

**IX. Earnestness is a powerful factor in making a successful Sabbath School Teacher.**—If we wish to impress others, one of the first requisites is to be ourselves impressed. That which we know and greatly care about we very soon learn to impart, but that which we know and do not care about we will soon cease to know at all. We must feel deeply what we wish others to feel.

**X. And lastly Hopefulness is by no means the least important of the characteristics of the Sabbath School Teacher.**—The teacher should remember that he is doing God's work, and that God has never proved unfaithful, but has always owned and blessed every work done for him. The blessing may not always come when and in the manner we expect, but that it will come there is no doubt.

Read pages 33, 38 of the Text Book.