

**TEMPTING GOD**  
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**KEY TEXT:** Numbers 14:22 "because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice..."

**The Meaning of Tempting**

To tempt is to: (a) Examine (b) Verify (c) Set a stumbling block before (d) Doubt (e) Detect (f) Deceive (g) Set trap for (h) Disqualify (i) Disparage/Contempt (j) Disgrace/destroy esteem

**Exodus 17:2** - "Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

**Matthew 4:7** - "Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'

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**Deuteronomy 6:16** - ""You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah."

**Malachi 3:15** - "So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.' ""

**1Corinthians 10:9** - "nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents..."

**Tempting God Ten Times**

1. Moses had to perform signs before the people believed him. (**Exodus 4:1-9, 18-20, 27-31**)
2. They disbelieved Moses when Pharaoh turned nasty. (**Exodus 5:1-23; 6:1-9**)
3. They questioned their freedom at the Red Sea. (**Exodus 14:1-18**)
4. They complained at bitter waters. (**Exodus 15:1-5, 19-27**)
5. They wished for death when God gave them life. (**Exodus 16:1-16**)
6. They searched for bread on the day of rest. (**Exodus 16:16-30**)
7. They made Moses God, prayed unto him for water instead of asking of God. (**Exodus 17:1-7**)

8. They replaced God with a golden calf, worshipped and believed in the work of their own hand.

(**Exodus** 24:1-18; 32:1-15)

9. They yielded to intense craving. (**Numbers** 11:1-34)

10. They believed the wrong report and refused to continue their journey with God. (**Numbers** 13:1-3,17-33; 14:1-23)