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Confrontation in the Desert

1. After Jesus was baptized, He was led into the wilderness.
Why? (9)
2. Give a brief account of Satan and his angels' fall from heaven.
(9)

Adam and Eve in Their Eden Home

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3. What was God's and Jesus' plan for mankind? (10)
4. Describe the characteristics of Adam and Eve. (10)
5. Describe Eden. (10)
6. Name some differences that Adam and Eve had over the other creatures. (10-11)
7. How did Creation show the handiwork of the Creator? (11)
8. What did God give Adam to do? Why? (11)
9. List four characteristics of Adam's mind. (11)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

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The Test of Probation

10. Why did God place man upon probation? (12)
11. What was the first moral lesson given to Adam? (12)
12. Give the name of the tree Adam and Eve could not eat from and why. (12)
13. What were Eve's thoughts when she wandered away from Adam? (12-13)
14. What were her thoughts when she was near the forbidden tree? (13)
15. Briefly state the serpent's response to Eve's statement that God had forbidden any touching or tasting of the tree in the center of the garden. (13-14)
16. Give her thoughts after she had listened to the serpent. (14)
17. How did Eve overstate God's command? (14)
19. Summarize what happened next. (14-15)

Paradise Lost

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20. What had been God's design concerning Adam and Eve?
(15)

21. After they had eaten the forbidden fruit, what immediately happened to Adam and Eve? (15)

22. "_____ from paradise; and _____ was the _____ of the _____ of paradise _____ the _____." (15)

23. How may Paradise be regained? (15)

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Plan of Redemption

24. Give Satan's reaction after Adam and Eve fell. (16)
25. What did he boast about to Christ and the loyal angels? (16)
26. Who were barred from Eden? (16)
27. What happened to the earth and to Adam? (16)
28. Give the plan that was undertaken to redeem man and defeat Satan. (17)
30. "In order to redeem man," what did Christ leave behind? (17)
32. What did Christ impute to man that he "might overcome the foe on his own account?" (18)
33. Who did God have on probation and have their loyalty tested? (18)
34. Why was Satan fearful? (18-19)
35. Write down the words that were the first promise of redemption for man and that Satan did not fully comprehend? (19)
36. Why was Satan particularly interested in what was to happen after Adam and Eve fell? (19)
37. Describe the new relationship that now existed between God and man since Jesus became the Redeemer. (19-20)
38. What was Satan mistaken in concerning the relationship between God and man? (20)
39. "Christ volunteered to maintain and vindicate the holiness of the divine law." How did He do this? (20)
40. What was Satan's plan and hope now that man had fallen? (20-21)

Sacrificial Offerings

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41. Jesus was “determined to help man” but “left the fallen angels to perish in their rebellion.” Why this sentence upon the fallen angels? (21)

42. Why was there “no possible hope” for the rebellious angels? (21)

43. “Their _____ and their _____ must be _____ - _____ to their _____ in the heavenly courts.” (21)

44. What prevented man from having direct access to God? (21)

45. Why must blood be shed in the plan of redemption? (22)

46. Give Satan’s reactions to God’s system of sacrificial offerings. (22)

47. How did Adam’s repentance disappoint Satan? (22)

48. “Cain and Abel were _____ the _____.” (22)

49. Why was Abel’s offering accepted by God but not Cain’s? (22-23)

50. What was the purpose of instituting the sacrificial offerings? (23)

51. What made Cain’s sacrifice offensive to God? (23)

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Appetite and Passion

52. Why was the world destroyed during Noah's time? (24)
53. Briefly describe what happened to men after the Flood. (24)
54. For what purpose is Satan a diligent Bible student? (24)
55. Why do "infidels frequently study the Scriptures" and what is the outcome for "many professed Christians?" (24-25)
56. When Satan saw in the sacrificial system a plan to take man away from his control, what did he do? (25)
57. Give the result if the Israelites had realized that Christ was "their invisible Leader. (25)
58. What did Satan hope and do to the Israelite armies as they journeyed to Canaan? (25-26)
59. Who are the two representatives that show us that man, through Christ's power, can overcome Satan's power? (26)
60. Give the reactions of Satan and God when God resurrected Moses. (26)

A Threat to Satan's Kingdom

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61. Briefly state what Satan saw when Christ was born. (27)
62. What was Satan afraid of when the angels proclaimed Jesus' birth? (27)
63. How did Satan influence Herod? (27-28)
64. Give Satan's reactions when he failed to get Jesus to sin during His youth. (28)
65. Why was Satan concerned about his kingdom when John the Baptist was preaching? (28-29)
66. What did the devil witness at Jesus' baptism? (29)
67. Why was the devil upset at what he saw? (29)
68. "The _____, in _____ with the _____ of _____, was like a _____ to _____." (29)
69. Could Satan comprehend the sacrifice being made for man? Why or why not? (30)
70. As Satan lost the riches and glory of heaven, what were his plans for man? (30)
71. Briefly give Satan's experiences in heaven. (30)
72. What were the devil's plans for Jesus in the wilderness? (30-31)
73. Compare the strength of our temptations with what Christ experienced in the wilderness. (31)
74. "Christ was _____ in _____ like _____." (31)

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The Temptation

75. Compare what Adam went through when he was tempted with that of Christ. (31)

76. What “prevailed throughout the human family?” (31)

77. Describe briefly the condition of man when Christ came to earth. (32)

78. Describe briefly the life of Adam and Eve while they were in Eden. (32)

Christ As A Second Adam

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79. “He who _____ became _____ -
_____.” (33)

80. Why did Christ lower Himself? (33)

81. What did Satan boast to the angels? (33)

82. He defeated Adam and Eve and people of the ancient world
in the same way: “through the _____ -
_____ and _____.” (34)

83. Name some Biblical people who Satan overcame. (34)

84. Compare and contrast what Moses and Jesus went through
when they were without food in the wilderness. (34)

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Terrible Effects of Sin Upon Man

85. Name the methods God used to destroy cities and countries.
(34-35)

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86. Into what did Satan transform man? (35)

87. What did Satan lead men to do? (35)

88. Satan darkened the paths of many and led them to break God's law. "He _____ with _____ - _____ to _____ the _____ of _____." (35)

89. What has been Satan's "most successful scheme in deceiving man?" (35-36)

The First Temptation of Christ

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90. When Christ went into the wilderness, what about Him changed? (36)

91. How did Christ feel as He stayed in the wilderness? (36)

92. How was “the indulgence of appetite” affecting man? (36-37)

93. What did Jesus go through to help man in the area of appetite? (37)

Significance of the Test

94. Give a description of the wilderness Jesus was in. (37)
95. Give a description of what Jesus looked like after 40 days in the wilderness. (37)
96. Why did Jesus enter into a life of conflict? (37)
97. What did Christ's humanity reach and identify with, and His divine nature grasp? (38)
98. How was man to be reconciled to Jesus and God? (38)
99. How did Satan appear when he came to Jesus? (38)
100. What was Satan's purpose for appearing the way he did? (38)
101. Write down a summary of what he said to Jesus. (38-39)
102. Summarize both Jesus' plan for man and Satan's plan for Jesus. (39)
103. Why did Satan fake his doubt of Christ's divinity? (39)
104. Summarize why Satan thought he could overcome Christ with the temptation of appetite? (39-40)

Christ Did No Miracle for Himself

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105. Name some of Satan's assertions and claims. (40)

106. "His _____ to Christ _____ -
_____." (40)

107. "Christ could have worked a miracle" but did not. Why?
(40-41)

108. How did Satan go about trying to shake Christ's confidence
in His Father? (41)

He Parleyed Not With Temptation

109. "Christ _____ to _____ to _____ how He was the _____, and in _____ as such He was _____." (41)
110. Why did Satan taunt Christ? (41-42)
111. What was Satan's offer to Christ? (42)
112. "Christ _____ to _____ the _____ of Satan." (42)
113. How did Christ withstand Satan's taunts? (42)
114. Why didn't Christ have to prove His divinity to Satan? (42)
115. "He _____ to _____ on _____; He _____ to _____." (43)
116. What did Christ show by His use of scripture and His own example in withstanding the temptation on appetite? (43)
117. Give the outcomes if Adam, the people who lived before the Flood, and the Israelites had obeyed the words of God. (43-44)
118. "The Saviour of the world ." (44)
119. As a man, what was Jesus to do? (44)
120. What was God's purpose for mankind? (44)
121. Give Satan's wishes as he tempted Jesus. (44-45)
122. Why was Satan "capable of any deception?" (45)

Victory Through Christ

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123. How is it possible for mankind to “overcome the temptations of Satan?” (45)

124. Summarize Jacob’s night vision. (46)

125. “This ladder _____, who had _____ the _____ between _____ and _____.” (46)

126. Who and what was represented by one end of the ladder on the earth and the other in heaven? (46)

127. Name the “great branches of evil” out of which grew crime, violence, and corruption. (47)

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The Second Temptation

128. How did Satan try to impress Christ? (47)

129. What doubts did Satan try to make in Christ in the first temptation? (48)

The Sin of Presumption

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130. “The _____ of _____ lies close beside the _____ of _____ and _____ in _____. . . . Upon this point _____ are _____.” (48)

131. What proof did Satan ask for from Christ in this temptation? (48)

132. Give two reasons why Christ would not have His Father do an unnecessary trial or tempt Him. (49)

133. Although Jesus knew that His Father would save Him if He jumped, why didn't He jump? (49)

134. By being victorious in the second temptation, how did He leave “man a perfect pattern?” (49)

135. What was Satan's objective in the second temptation? (49-50)

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Christ Our Hope and Example

136. “The _____ and _____ -
_of _____ in the _____ of _____ were
_____ _____.” (50)

137. How were the sufferings of Jesus for the world’s sins proportionate? (50)

138. “Christ was in .” (50)

139. Give the necessity of having reason control the appetite. (50)

140. Why is a large part of the Christian world enslaved? (51)

141. Christ’s anguish in the wilderness was not so much from hunger pains as from what? (51)

142. Give the reason for Christ’s confidence in His Father. (51)

The Third Temptation

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143. Where did Satan take Jesus for the third temptation and what did he offer Him? (51-52)

144. When did Satan remove his disguise? (52)

145. Why was the third temptation the most attractive of the three? (52)

146. What was the one condition Jesus had to accept in order for Him to have the world? (52)

147. Give Christ's response to Satan's offer. (52-53)

148. In his pride and arrogance, what did Satan claim? (53)

149. How did Jesus know that it was Satan who was tempting Him from the start? (53)

150. If Satan wanted to save himself and his kingdom, what did he have to do? (54)

151. Write down the two things that will be given to Christ at the end of time. (54)

152. Satan had asked Jesus twice before to prove that He was the Son of God. As Jesus proved it here by His answer, what did Satan have to do? (54)

153. "With _____, _____ in the wilderness was as _____ as was the _____." (54)

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Christ's Temptation Ended

154. Briefly state Christ's condition after His conflict with Satan. (55)
155. Give the angel's response to the conflict. (55)
156. When will the cost of redemption of man be fully realized? (55)
157. What did Satan plan to do during Christ's ministry, especially with regard to the Jews? (56)
158. Name three things that are the result of impaired faculties. (56)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.

Christian Temperance

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159. "God gives man _____ to _____ -
the _____ of _____." (57)

160. What must we have to discern Satan's methods? (57)

161. What is "essential to the perfection of Christian character?" (57)

162. Where does "the strength or weakness of the mind" come into play? (57)

163. How is man brought to a quick ruin? (58)

164. Give four items which were common long ago but were rare in Ellen White's day. (58)

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165. "A large share of the Christian world _____ -
_____." (58)

166. How are Christians going about ruining their lives? (58)

167. What has engrossed the Christian's mind and what should be done about it? (59)

168. Why is Christ's overcoming of appetite "a rebuke to the Christian world for their dissipation and gluttony?" (59)

169. What would Peter, Paul, and Jesus say to professed Christians about taking care of their bodies? (59)

170. If we would follow Paul's words in I Corinthians 10:31 (quoted), what would happen to God's work? (60)

171. Many of Christ's professed followers are slaves to appetite. "They _____ to _____, while _____ -
_____ is _____." (60)

172. Give some examples of the lives of habitual users of tobacco and alcohol. (60-61)

173. Why cannot the examples in #172 realize the claims and holiness of God's law? (61)

174. Describe the state of the offering that was made by the priests. (61)

175. Why can't we glorify God while breaking life's laws? (62)

176. Who cannot appreciate salvation's plan? (62)

177. "_____ who _____ -
_____ of _____, _____, and _____ cannot appreciate the
_____ of _____." (63)

178. How do "many professed Christians look upon this portion" of Christ's life? (63-64)

179. How are we to overcome and gain our own victory in overcoming temptations? (64)

180. Why is a man who "stumbles and falls under the temptations of Satan" considered to be "without excuse?" (64)

Self-Indulgence in Religion's Garb

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181. Name some of the activities that professed Christians participate in that would demean the religion of Christ. (64-65)

182. List those who would show up at such activities. (65)

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183. Why would Christ be unwelcome on such occasions? (65)

184. "The _____ of _____ - _____ and _____ for _____ - _____." (65)

185. How are professed Christians like the ancient Israelites who ate, drank, and got up to play? (66)

186. How are we to overcome like Jesus did? (66)

187. Give the reasons for Christ's wilderness sufferings that affected man's salvation. (66)

188. What would be the reaction of Christians who disapproved of those activities named in question #181? (67)

189. What is the lifework of the Christian? (67-68)

190. Why should we be concerned for the youth by the example of professed Christians? (68)

191. List the festivities that "are doing a work that will bear a record with its burden of results to the judgment." (68)

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192. Why is it bad to conduct activities such as lotteries to pay for church expenses and special projects? (68)

193. "The plain commands of God in His Word are discarded because _____ and _____ - _____, while

_____ and _____ the _____ and _____ the _____.” (69)

194. When we understand what Jesus went through in His battles with Satan, what shall we have?(69)

195. What does Satan do in “professedly Christian gatherings?” (70)

196. Why are the above gatherings used to support the church? What are the results upon the people who participate? (70)

197. What “is a deplorable fact” and “a sad reality” when it comes to offerings and benevolent acts by professed Christians? (70)

198. Why was Moses’ plan to raise means for the erection of the tabernacle very successful? (70-71)

199. How does Christ see churches who use lotteries and the like to sustain themselves? (71)

200. Give the responses a true Christian should have to Christ’s battles with Satan in the wilderness. (71)

201. “Satan _____ to _____.” (72)

202. Although Jesus took a servant’s form and was poor, what did He come to us with? (72)

203. What would be the effects if Christ’s “lessons of instruction and His holy life” were followed? (72)

204. “Every prohibition of God is for _____ and _____ of man.” (72-73)

205. Why are some items practiced “under the cloak of Christianity?” (73)

206. If all sins were completely understood, what would be the results? (73)

More Than One Fall

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207. Despite the lesson of Adam, why does man continue to fall and is even saddened by Adam's sin? (73)

208. Give the reasons for so much disease and crime. (74)

209. What has caused man to part with such things as his intellectual vigor and healthy body? (74)

210. What are we to do if we want to be overcomers? (74-75)

211. When ministers preach and live the gospel, what should be part of their teaching? (75)

212. "Sin is _____ - _____." (75)

213. How are many ministers "blind guides?" (75)

214. What are the responses of the minister's members? (75-76)

Health and Happiness

215. What kind of effect does the belief that the ten commandments are abolished have on the intemperate and licentious? (76)

216. What medium does Christ use to reach the heart to advance “health, truth, and happiness?” (76)

217. When professed Christians say they cannot overcome tobacco, what are they also admitting? (76)

218. Give “the only path of safety” for young and old. (77)

219. Compare the actions of those who would and would not give up the habits of alcohol and tobacco. (77)

220. State the actions of those who refuse to overcome a depraved appetite. (77)

221. State the actions of those who are not willing to overcome a depraved appetite. (77)

222. When man perceives God’s love in giving Jesus to die for us, what shall we understand? (78)

223. How powerful were Satan’s temptations upon Jesus? (78)

224. How was Christ’s victory over appetite designed? (78)

225. Who are those who “die in a good cause?” (79)

226. “Those who in _____ of _____ and _____ - _____, and _____ by _____ of _____ will _____.” (79)

227. What are we doing in our “efforts to control appetite?” (79)

228. What is being sold for the pleasure of taste? Give examples. (79-80)

Strange Fire

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229. Briefly describe the duties Nadab and Abihu were to perform. (80)

230. What did the divine fire represent? (80)

231. What did the incense represent? (81)

232. Why were Nadab and Abihu killed? (81)

233. Give the cause of their lack of discernment in offering the fire. (81)

234. How were Nadab and Abihu held accountable for what they did? (81)

235. Name those people who are examples of liquor and tobacco consumers and give the dangers they pose to society. (82)

236. Who are those people that are and are not fit to govern society. Why? (82)

237. Write down the reasons God gives against the use of wine. (82-83)

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238. What “is an aggravating sin in the sight of God?” (83)

239. How are those who use tobacco and alcohol compared with Nadab and Abihu? (83)

240. “God _____ . He is as _____ and _____ in His _____ as He was _____ of _____.” (84)

241. Describe the scene occurring in church sanctuaries which God finds offensive. (84)

242. What is the response to this scene by professed Christians? (84)

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Presumptuous Rashness and Intelligent Faith

243. What did Satan hope to gain by his temptations? (84-85)

244. Why was Christ's task to undertake the salvation of man so difficult? (85)

245. How difficult was it for Christ to resist the temptations of Satan especially since the latter knew humanity's weaknesses? (85)

246. "God has given man _____ upon _____ of _____ and _____; but _____ - _____ to _____ him _____."

(85)

247. Give instances where God won't work a miracle to save someone from harm. (85-86)

248. Why was Adam's act considered presumptuous and Eve's not? (86)

Spiritism

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249. “Spiritualists make to (86)

250. How is the path to hell made attractive? (86)

251. Although Satan failed in his temptations against Jesus, he succeeded against man. Why? (86)

252. Name seven things Satan uses to make the road to hell attractive. (87)

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253. What emotions will be expressed at the Second Coming by those who have made remarks against Jesus? (87)

254. Name some of the claims made by spiritualists. What have they really done for Satan? (87)

255. How will spiritualists tempt and dare those who have the truth? (88)

256. When spiritualists ask those who have and teach the truth to “Prove all things”, what do they really mean? (88)

257. Give God’s people the “only safety” when the dead appear and speak. (88)

258. Who will be behind the increased appearances of the dead? (88)

259. Summarize the texts of Paul, John, and Peter concerning signs of the last days. (88–89)

260. What are some of the spiritualist’s claims? (90)

261. What is really the “liberty” the spiritualists claim to give? (90-91)

262. Give God’s people responses to spiritualists. (91)

263. Summarize the warnings of John, Paul, and Peter to the Church concerning deceivers and other evils of the future. (91-92)

264. State God's proofs for the classes mentioned in the above texts. (92)

265. Why may we "rejoice in every condition of life, and triumph under all circumstances?" (93)

266. "He will _____ the _____ of _____ - _____ in _____." (93)

Character Development

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267. Name some of the tests the Christian will undergo. (93)

268. "The cross of Christ is _____ with _____ and _____, yet it is _____ of _____ and _____ of _____." (93)

269. "Every _____ and _____ made for Christ _____ the _____, and every _____ and _____ for His dear name _____ the _____ and _____ in the kingdom of glory." (93)