

## Lesson 13, Wed, Mar 6: Temptation, Law & Salvation History (cont')

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Prayer: student choice!

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### I. Lent

- “Lent” means “Spring”
- In the Liturgical Calendar it falls about 40 days before Easter Sunday
  - There is no Biblical reason for the 40 days, other than to reflect upon the forty days and forty nights” Jesus fasted in the desert (Mt 4:2; see [CCC 540](#))

### II. Temptation & Sin

- The “three-fold concupiscence” or the “threefold bases of sin”:
  - Lust of Flesh: *good to taste*
    - sense, physical pleasure
    - lust (sex), gluttony (food), sloth (laziness)
  - Lust of the Ees: *pleasing to look at*
    - desire, lust = to desire what is not rightfully your own
    - envy = wanting what is not yours)
  - Pride of Life: *good for wisdom*
    - putting oneself over God = the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ([Gen 2:9](#))
    - vanity, anger, envy, hatred
- Devil’s strategy of temptation
  - Use a “good” (something good or beautiful) to tempt
  - Re-direct it to evil
- See:
  - Temptation of Adam and Eve ([Gen 3](#))
    1. “pretty!”
  - Three Temptations of Jesus ([Mt 4](#))
    1. Lust of the flesh
    2. Lust of the eyes
    3. Pride of life

### III. Moral Law v. Ceremonial Law

- Moral Law = Ten Commandments and Jesus’ “New Commandment”
- Ceremonial Law = the “Levitical” rules for worship and cultural customs
  - These Laws are spelled out in the OT
    - The “Torah” (first five books of the OT) contains 613 “commandments”
    - Hebrew *hukkim* means “custom of the nation”
    - Can be thought of as “statutes” (sets of rules)
    - These regard food preparation, worship, clothing, etc.
- There is also “Judicial Law” which can be but is not necessarily Biblical
- Jesus clarified the Law, especially in the Beatitudes ([Mt 6, 7](#))
  - See also
    - [Mk 7:19](#) (Tradition of the Elders”
    - [Acts 10: 9](#): Vision of Peter

### IV. Holy

- Means “set apart from”
- God is “Holy” because he is “apart” from us and our sin
  - when we are separated from God we are “unholy” or in sin
- The “Chosen people” = separated from the others
- Jesus unites all of God’s people: makes them all Holy (if they choose...)