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A Way to Escape

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

We find in these verses promises that God has provided a way of escape in temptation and that by resisting the tempter, the devil, will flee from us. Does the bible ever give us an example of this way of escape and method of resistance? Yes, indeed! It was shown unto us by none other than our own Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Matt 4:1-11 (read that text now) we see how Christ dealt with that old adversary, the devil, and the temptations he presented. Jesus in every case responded with "it is written" and gave a scriptural response to the devil. After three times of such resistance, the devil departed. Jesus Himself is our best example and in His response to temptation we find a way of escape for us, too. We also find how to make the tempter flee. This way to escape that Jesus demonstrated was the scriptures. He presented the scriptural position concerning each area of temptation. He declared that He stood with what God has already said. He was

submissive to God and His word. So should we be. In this we find yet another reason to read, study, and know God's scriptures. It is a way God has given to escape temptation and resist the devil.