

## **TEMPTATION FOR THE CHRISTIAN**

Christians should not imagine that, as they progress in Christian life, the menace of temptation will become less and less. Nor should they get the idea that, if they are fiercely attacked by the devil, the world, and their sinful natures, their spiritual life is deteriorating. Abraham was a patriarch, and, as Luther said, he encountered a “patriarchal” temptation when he was asked to sacrifice Isaac, the son whom God promised him, after God had promised to bless all nations through him. The only way Abraham could have proceeded was to believe that, if necessary, God would raise him from the dead to fulfil His promises.

The book of Job should be remembered for the roles that God and Satan had in Job’s affliction. God drew Satan’s attention to Job, and each time set limits to the extent that Satan could afflict him.