Week 3: Hamartiology Sermon Notes

Hamartiology is the study of sin, and a definition of sin is missing the ______________.

Traditionally when we talk about sin, we only really talk about the outer perimeter of the bullseye. What we are supposed to ______________ and don’t ______________. It’s the behavioral outer ring. But, we need to look at the heart of the mark, so we know the heart of the miss. Today, we’re going to see four concentric rings, increasingly moving to the heart of God’s heart on holiness.

“The mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.” Luke 6:45b

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’” Luke 4:1-4 (NKJV)

The first temptation towards sin is on our ______________.

Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone...’” Luke 4:4b (NKJV)

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." John 4:34 (NIV)

A son or daughter’s prize is always the ______________ of their parent. The drive that hits the mark is the desire to please our Father.

Jesus had a drive to obey, not a drive to ______________.

A person could keep the letter of the law and miss the spirit of the law. Romans 2:28-29 (summarized)

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” Luke 4:5-8 (NKJV)

The second mark of holiness and miss of sin. ______________.
Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not test the Lord your God.’” Luke 4:9-12 (NKJV)

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained their senses to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:14 (NIV)

We _________ God when we don’t trust God.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

The mark is a drive to obey, not obtain. The mark is a direction to focus, not forego. The mark is a determination to _________, not secure.

Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. Luke 4:13-15 (NKJV)

“I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the people of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord.” Ezra 39:29 (NIV)

At the center of God’s principles is His ____________.

Drive + Direction + Determination = Destination

At the center of the heart of the mark, at the center of the heart of hamartiology, is the destination of the personal ____________ of God.