

- ❖ **Evil Powers:** are a reality; we see their terrible results on TV, in newspapers, and all around us
 - ✦ God's nature is to bless & create; evil powers curse & ruin
- ❖ **Sinful Desires:** replace a trust in Jesus with trust in anything else
- ❖ **Renouncing:** it isn't just a rule; it's a statement of intent: we will not settle for temptations

Notes

Implications:
 things to repent of; matters to be put right; apologies to be made - so we can make these vows to God in good faith

3) The Blessing of the Water

- ❖ God uses ordinary water in blessing us as a reminder that God uses ordinary people; God can take any ordinary thing and make it special.
- ❖ God has used water in different ways to bless His people.
 - ✦ Without water there is no life; God provides it (through His prophet, Moses) to sustain His people in the desert
 - ✦ Water cleanses & refreshes us
 - ✦ God used water save His people from their enemies
 - ✦ Jesus was baptised in water & was revealed as God's Son

