

**Luke 4 ---The Temptation of Jesus**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness  
<sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to **become bread.**" (*Lust of the flesh*)\*  
<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'  
<sup>5</sup>And he led Him up and **showed Him** all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.  
<sup>6</sup>And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.  
<sup>7</sup>"Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." (*Lust of the eyes*)\*  
<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'  
<sup>9</sup>And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, **throw Yourself down** from here;  
<sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,'  
<sup>11</sup>and, 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" (*Pride of life*)\*  
<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'  
<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

1. Don't doubt = Doubt is based on insufficient knowledge. Not knowing/believing God's Word.

- **LUKE 4:3 (NASB)** <sup>3</sup>AND THE DEVIL SAID TO HIM, "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, TELL THIS STONE TO BECOME BREAD."  
*In fact, the fact of His deity was the basis for the first of the three temptations. "Since You are the Son of God," Satan argued, "why be hungry? You can change stones into bread!"*

**MATTHEW 8:29 (NASB)** <sup>29</sup>AND THEY CRIED OUT, SAYING, "WHAT BUSINESS DO WE HAVE WITH EACH OTHER, SON OF GOD? HAVE YOU COME HERE TO TORMENT US BEFORE THE TIME?"

**JAMES 2:19 (NASB)** <sup>19</sup>YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS ONE. YOU DO WELL; THE DEMONS ALSO BELIEVE, AND SHUDDER.

*Correct*

**Genesis 2:16 - 17 (NASB)** <sup>16</sup>The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;  
<sup>17</sup>but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

*Incorrect*

**Genesis 3:1 - 5 (NASB)** <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;  
<sup>3</sup>but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'  
<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!  
<sup>5</sup>"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**John 8:44 (NASB)** <sup>44</sup>"You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

## 2. Overcoming temptations

*Temptation is Satan's weapon to defeat us, but it's also God's tool to build us*

### **James 1:2 - 4 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup>My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

<sup>3</sup>Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

<sup>4</sup>But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

### **James 1:13 - 15 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup>Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

<sup>14</sup>But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

<sup>15</sup>Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**Genesis 50:20 (KJV)** <sup>20</sup>But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

### **\*1 John 2:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup>For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**2 Corinthians 2:11 (NASB)** <sup>11</sup>so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

**1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB)** <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

*Jesus always used the Word to defeat the temptation/Satan. \* Know the Word*

Jesus was able to resist all of the devil's temptations because he not only knew Scripture, but he also obeyed it.

- Knowing Bible verses is an important step in helping believers resist the devil's attacks, but they must also obey the Bible.
- Knowing and obeying God's Word is an effective weapon against temptation, the only "offensive" weapon provided in the Christian's "armor" (Eph. 6:17).

**Ephesians 6:17 (NASB)** <sup>17</sup>And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **Monday Morning Moment**

*"Trust and obey for there is no other way"*

**Deuteronomy 11:1 (NASB)** <sup>1</sup>"You shall therefore love the LORD your God, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.