



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 (NAS)

Topic: "Facing Temptation"

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- 1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness
- 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.
- 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."
- 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"
- 5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6 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.
- 7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."
- 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"
- 9 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;
- 10 for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,'
- 11 and, 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"
- 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"
- 13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

I. WHAT IS TEMPTATION?

- A. It Is Enticement To Do Evil
- B. Without Temptation There Is No Sin
- C. The Desire Proceeds The Act

II. HOW DO WE LEARN FROM JESUS?

- A. He Was Tempted *Hebrews 4:15*
- B. He Aids Thos Who Are Tempted *Hebrews 2:18*
- C. Do Not Give Up *1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*

III. SUSCEPTABILITY TO TEMPTATION

- A. When Things Are Going Well
- B. When We Have Had Great Spiritual Success *1 Corinthians 10:12*
- C. Unprepared

IV. THE DEVIL

- A. He Is Real
- B. He Is An Opponent Of The Kingdom
- C. He Is A Tempter
- D. He Is Not Omniscient
- E. His Temptations Aim At Our Vulnerability
- F. His Lies Contain A Hint Of Truth

V. HOW DO YOU FACE TEMPTATION?

- A. Recognize The Enemy *Ephesians 6:11-12*
- B. You Are Not To Go It Alone *Ephesians 6:10*
- C. Do Not Toy With Temptation *James 4:7*
- D. Evidence Your Faith *Ephesians 6:16*
- E. Draw The Sword *Ephesians 6:17; Psalm 119:11*