

Sermon notes – 01.22.2017 – Seeing Jesus – The Temptation in the Wilderness

We see Jesus - Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been **tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.** 16 **Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Luke 4:1-13 **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.

We see Jesus Full of the Holy Spirit being Led by the Holy Spirit and Being Tempted / Fasting

We Pray: Matthew 6:13 '**And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Amazing to watch Jesus Fast while being tempted – Peace then Hunger & More Temptation

- Great hunger comes at the end of a fast as genuine hunger pains ensue
- It strikes me that Jesus fasted on purpose, knowing that this temptation was coming
- **Jesus was able to make bread from a stone**, if God could make children of Abraham from the same
- Jesus refused to “give place” (Ephesians 4:27) to the devil for even a moment

Galatians 2:5 But **we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.**

1 John 3:18 “...The Son of God appeared..., to destroy the works of the devil.”

“If you are the Son of God...” - In that temptation, Jesus was hearing the voice of the serpent who tempted Eve, the “prince of this world”, the “prince of the power of the air”

John 14:30 "I will not speak much more with you, **for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;** 31 **but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me.** Get up, let us go from here.

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“Man does not live by bread alone, but ... by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD”

John 4:34 Jesus *said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

Then, Jesus was shown, “...all the kingdoms of the world and their glory”

Matthew 4:8

“I will give You all this domain and its glory ... if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.”

Jesus Answers, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

Deuteronomy 6:12-15 then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 13 "You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name. 14 "You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, 15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 10:20-21 “*No*, but *I say* that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.”

Jesus on the Pinnacle of the Temple- - The House of Prayer and Worship

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Deuteronomy 6:16 "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested *Him* at Massah.

Exodus 17:7 He named the place Massah ...because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, ...they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

James 1:13-20 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

God does not invite us to sin in order to see if we will...He does present us with choices to see what is in our hearts, to give us the opportunity to show a faithful heart

Deuteronomy 8:2 "You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

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1 Corinthians 10:13 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.

Matthew 26:41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."