

“tempted by the devil”

Luke 4:1-13

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Luke 4:1-2

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert, **2** where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

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“Luke states that Jesus was tempted for the 40 days He was fasting, and the three specific temptations recounted in Matthew and Luke seem to have occurred at the close of this period-when Jesus’ hunger was greatest and His resistance lowest.”

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Luke 4:3-4

3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” **4** Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

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John 6:26-27

26 Jesus answered, “ I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. **27** Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

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Luke 4:5-8

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. **6** And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. **7** If you worship me, it will all be yours.” **8** Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

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John 12:31

**Now is the time for judgment
on this world; now the prince
of this world will be driven out**

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2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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Ephesians 2:1-2

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

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1 John 5:19

**We know that we are children
of God, and that the whole
world is under the control of
the evil one.**

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Job 1:12

**The LORD said to Satan,
“Very well, then, everything
he has is in your power, but
on the man himself do not
lay a finger.”**

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“Satan is elsewhere called “the prince of this world”, “the god of this age”, and the ruler of the kingdom of the air” - but remains under God’s sovereign power and control.”

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Luke 4:9-12

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. **10** For it is written: “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ” **12** Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

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Psalm 91:9-12

9 If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge - **10** then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. **11** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; **12** they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

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“Note that Satan also quote Scripture (Psalm 91:11-12) - but utterly twists its meaning, employing a passage about trusting god to justify testing Him.”

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“Satan was tempting Jesus to test God’s faithfulness and to attract public attention dramatically.”

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Luke 4:13

**When the devil had finished
all this tempting, he left him
until an opportune time.**

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“Christ’s defeat of the devil in the desert was decisive but not final. Throughout His ministry, Jesus would confront Satan in many forms. Too often we see temptation as once and for all. In reality, we need to be constantly on guard against the devil’s ongoing attacks.”

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Applications

- **Satan is real**
- **To defeat the devil, we must know Scripture**
- **The devil is not omnipotent or omnipresent, only God is.**

Final Thoughts

“What would it take for you to “sell out”? What is there in life that would cause you to compromise your faith?

Whatever it is - sexual temptation, financial inducement, fear of alienating or offending someone - it will be placed in your path at some point. The enemy wants to destroy believers or at least neutralize them through sin, shame, and guilt.”

“When temptation rears its seductive head, do what Jesus did: rely on the Word of God and stand fast in your commitment to worship God alone, above all else. No matter the cost or the sacrifice, no matter how appealing the come-on, believers must follow Jesus’ example and stand strong.”

Final Thoughts

James 1:13-15

13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **14** but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **15** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Final Thoughts

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Final Thoughts

Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet he did not sin.

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Final Thoughts

**“Be killing sin or it will be
killing you”**

John Owen

Puritan Theologian and Pastor