

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Temptation"
Luke 4:1-13
Study-12

The Bible teaches the Devil is real - Luke 4:2 being tempted by the devil.

As a Christian - Ephesians 6:12

As a Non-Christian - 2 Corinthians 4:4

Satan's Strategy is to make us believe that God is not trustworthy, that God can't be trusted, or God takes the fun out of life!

Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man:

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Models Victory Over Temptation Through Reliance Upon The Spirit And The Word Against The Devil."

1. Verses 1-2 The Father Testing Jesus

2. Verses 3-13 The Devil Tempting Jesus

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Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,

Context – Luke 3:21-22 "Jesus The Son Of God" Jesus was baptized.

Luke 3:21-22

Luke 3:23-38 "Jesus The Son Of Man" Luke's genealogy proved that Jesus was the son of Adam and the Son of God.

full of the Holy Spirit, the word **full** – "*to be thoroughly permeated with*"

returned from the Jordan - Jesus had been anointed by the Holy Spirit; commissioned.

led around by the Spirit in the wilderness – The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

wilderness Judean Mountains west of Jericho. **Matthew 4:1;**

Mark 1:12-13

Luke 4:2 for forty days, (Scriptures say nothing of the 39 days only the 40th day 3 great assault's) **Hebrews 2:18; 4:15**

forty is mentioned **146 times** in Scripture. The number **40** generally symbolizes a period of testing, trial or probation. Moses interceded for Israel 40 days **Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9**

being tempted by the devil. *The person of Jesus Christ could not have sinned. The human nature made it possible for Jesus to be tempted, but the divine nature made it impossible for Him to sin.*

Tempted or Temptation – Has 2 meanings:

- 1. Temptation – (Tempt To Do Evil)** *"to bring out the worse, solicitation to do evil, to lead or cause to sin"* Which Satan is always behind.
- 2. Temptation – (Testing)** *"to bring out the worth, to test or place on trial the validity of one's faith"* Which God is behind. **Matthew 6:13; James 1:13**

James 1:12 under trial - speaking of the trials of life. **Hebrews 4:15; James 1:2-3**

by the devil. Devil – "Diabolos, slanderer" Satan, a created being that became lifted up in pride, fell - **Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:13-15; Revelation 12:7-9**

Satan – "adversary"

Satan is our adversary and our slanderer; he is extremely intelligent and operates in stealth. **Ephesians 2:2; Ephesians 6:12**

for forty days, being tempted by the devil. **Matthew** and **Luke** record the last 3 temptations. There were many temptations but all that we have recorded are 3.

And He ate nothing during those days;
fasted for forty days then He became hungry.

and when they had ended, He became hungry.
The desire for food then returns

2. Verses 3-13 The Devil Tempting Jesus

Luke 4:3

Jesus counters 3 temptations with Scripture 3 times back to the Devil. He quotes **Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:13,16.** These passages deal with Israel's temptation and failures.

3 Forms Of Temptation - 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh** (Stones To Bread) and the **lust of the eyes** (Kingdoms

of The Word) **and the boastful pride of life**, (Throw Yourself Off The Pinnacle)

Adam was tempted and failed in a garden.

Israel was tempted and failed in the wilderness.

Jesus was tempted and was victorious in the wilderness.

1st Temptation - Verses 3-4 Indulge Thyself:

(1 John 2:16 Lust Of The Flesh) **And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, "Since you are the Son of God, you need to prove it" Satan wants us to doubt God's Word (Adam - Genesis 3:1) Luke 3:22**

Satan tries to get us to doubt God's Word, love and His care, so we step out of His will.

tell this stone to become bread." (Take matters into your own hands, make things happen! Apart from the Father.) Psalm 107:9

Satan asks us to take bread that God does not want us to eat!

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written,
Jesus relied on the Word -

'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" Jesus quotes from
Deuteronomy 8:4 ' God's Word Supersedes Circumstances!

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

"The Spirit And The Word Are Invincible Against Satan. If we learn to use the Word and let the Spirit use us, we shall be more than conquerors!

Jesus is saying, "I will not take matters into my own hands because My Father has not chosen to meet my need in my timetable!"

2nd Temptation - Verses 5-8 Exalt Thyself:

(1 John 2:16 Lust Of The Eyes) **Luke 4:5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world**

Matthew adds **Matthew 4:8**

all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

"pin-point or dot of time"

Luke 4:6 1 John 5:19; Ephesians 2:2; 6:12

**Luke 4:7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."
(Shortcut - No Suffering Savior, quick bow! Achieve The Kingdom,
Bypass The Cross)**

Luke 4:8 Jesus answered him, "It is written,
Jesus refers to **Deuteronomy 6:13**

"To avoid pain by choosing the easy way, the path of least resistance is idolatry. It is the embracing of another god!"

3rd Temptation - Verses 9-12 Display Thyself:

(1 John 2:16 Pride Of Life) **Luke 4:9**

(Jerusalem was Jesus' destiny by sacrifice, not glorify Himself)

and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God,
Since you are the Son of God!

throw Yourself down from here;
(Prove That You Are The Son Of God!)
(This is to presume on God's will.)

Luke 4:10-11 Satan quotes Scripture - **Psalms 91:11-12**
(This Passage speaks about God's defense for the righteous.)

Luke 4:12 Deuteronomy 6:16 Jesus went back to the Word.

Testing God Is Not Trusting God!

The context is Exodus 17:7 the people complained because of no water.

Luke 4:13 he left Him (Left in defeat) **James 4:7**

Matthew's gospel records something that Luke leaves out. **Matthew 4:11**

Satan Was Done But Not Finished: until an opportune time.

Satan does not wait too long for in **Luke 4:33** Jesus has to deal with a demon-possessed man.

Application:

- 1.** Satan's Strategy Through Temptation Is To Make Us Believe That God Is Not Trustworthy, God Can't Be Trusted, Or God Takes The Fun Out Of Life.
- 2.** Don't Be Taken By Surprise, That Times Of Spiritual Triumph Are Followed By Times Of Severe Temptation.
- 3.** The Spirit And The Word Are Invincible Against Satan. If We Learn To Use The Word And Let The Spirit Use Us, We Shall Be More Than Conquerors.