

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Preparation For Service"
Mark 1:9-13
Study-2

Mark 1:1-13 – Period of Preparation

Preparation – "a proceeding, provision by which one prepares for something"
Proverbs 21:31

Mark 1:1-8 – "The Witness Of God"; The Witness Of Mark; The Witness Of The Prophet's; The Witness Of John

Mark 1:9-13 – "Preparation For Service"; Baptism followed by Temptation.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Servant Identifies With Man, Was Empowered By The Spirit, Certified By The Father And Victorious In Temptations."

1. Verses 9-11 – Preparation – The Baptism Of Jesus

2. Verses 12-13 – Preparation – The Temptation Of Jesus

1. Verses 9-11 – Preparation – The Baptism Of Jesus:

Mark 1:9

"from Nazareth in Galilee," – Jesus traveled 70 miles to be baptized.

John 1:45-46

John 1:29

Why Was Jesus Baptized? 3 Reasons:

1. Jesus' Baptism, Identified With Sinful Man: Jesus authenticated John's ministry. Jesus was sinless but was coming to take man's burden of sin.

Matt. 3:14-15

Water Baptism – Jesus went under the water symbolizing death, grave.

Application: We must identify ourselves as sinners under the judgment of God; the only hope is God's Son Jesus who alone can forgive our sin.

2. Verse 10 – Jesus' Baptism, The Need Of The Holy Spirit: Mark 1:10

"coming up out of the water," – This symbolized the Resurrection.

"He saw the heavens opening," – "to divide, open"; Hebraism for "God and His power"

"Dove" – means two things. 1) Gentleness. 2) Sacrifice.

The Anointing of Jesus Christ: Jesus separated Himself and identified with man; He was "immediately" given the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18

Existence and Unity of the Trinity – Jesus in water, Holy Spirit like a dove, (verse 11) Father spoke from heaven.

Application: Jesus the Son of God Needed the Holy Spirit. We must have the Holy Spirit, we need a new birth, need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8

3. Verse 11 – Jesus' Baptism, The Need Of Assurance: Mark 1:11

"Thou art My beloved Son," – Literally "The only one"

Isaiah 53:11

Application: Do we know without doubt that we are a child of God? Do we know that the Father loves us?

2. Verses 12-13 – Preparation – The Temptation Of Jesus:

Mark 1:12

"Spirit (Holy Spirit) impelled Him" – impelled – Literally "Drove, to drive by a strong inner compulsion, powerful urge."

Mark 1:13

"being tempted by Satan;" – "Adversary"; "One who pleads a case against a person."

Matthew and Luke say that Jesus was tempted by the Devil – "Accuser, Slanderer"; Greek word "Diabolos"; sinless Jesus falsely accused.

Temptation – 21X In the NT and 20 have the idea of bringing out our worth, to test.

God Tests Us To Bring Out One's Worth.

Heb. 4:15

The Devil Tempts To Bring Out The Worst.

"being tempted by Satan;" – Matthew and Luke record the last 3 Temptations:

1st Temptation: Matt 4:3-4 Questioning God's Love: (Self-Preservation) Matt. 4:3

Matt 3:17

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

"Use Your divine powers to meet personal needs." Put your physical needs ahead of your spiritual needs, (sin).

Matt. 4:4

Deut. 8:2-3

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

2nd Temptation: Matt 4:5-7 A Leap Of Faith: (Public-Acclamation) Matt. 4:5-6

Satan quotes Psalms 91:11-12

This Psalm promises eternal safety and blessing for the one who abides in the protective shadow of the almighty (Psalm 91:1-4). In the life of our Lord, this Psalm was not fulfilled by God delivering Jesus from death, but by delivering Him out of death by His resurrection.

Matt 4:7

Duet. 6:16

Ex. 17:7

The lesson is – don't try and force God to act

3rd Temptation: Matt 4:8-10 – Abandon Your Loyalty To God:
(World-Domination) Matt 4:8-9

2 Cor. 4:4

"if You fall down and worship me." – (Shortcut – Crown With
No Cross!)

The Cross was Christ's purpose for coming, it was difficult.

Matt 4:10

Deut 6:13

Jesus knew that whatever we worship, we will serve.

Mark 1:13

Application:

1. The Baptism Of Jesus Teaches The Need To Be Identified With Sinful Man, The Need Of The Holy Spirit, And The Need Of Assurance.
2. Jesus' Temptation Teaches Us That Victory Over Temptation Is By Being Filled With The Holy Spirit And Being Filled With The Word Of Christ.