



## Lesson 9 – The Temptation and the Victory

Based on Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13

- 1) What did Jesus do immediately after getting baptized?  
**Luke 4:1** And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the \_\_\_\_\_,
- 2) How did Mark describe it?  
**Mark 1:13** And he was there in the wilderness forty days, \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.
- 3) What did Like add to the description?  
**Luke 4:2** Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat \_\_\_\_\_: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

When Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted, He was led by the Spirit of God. He did not invite temptation. He went to the wilderness to be alone, to contemplate His mission and work. By fasting and prayer He was to brace Himself for the bloodstained path He must travel.

Satan knew that the Saviour had gone into the wilderness, and he thought this the best time to approach Him.

- 4) What promise was given to Adam and Eve right after sin entered the world?  
**Genesis 3:15** And I will put \_\_\_\_\_ between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

There was seen in men the working of a power that withstood his dominion. With intense interest he watched the sacrifices offered by Adam and his sons. In these ceremonies he discerned a symbol of communion between earth and heaven. He set himself to intercept this communion.

At the birth of Jesus, Satan knew that One had come with a divine commission to dispute his dominion. He trembled at the angel's message attesting the authority of the newborn King.

The image of God was manifest in Christ, and in the councils of Satan it was determined that He should be overcome.

- 5) How did Paul describe Jesus' appearance on this earth?  
**Romans 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the \_\_\_\_\_ of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

The Father had before communicated with humanity through Christ previously; now He communicated with humanity *in* Christ.

- 6) What was the first temptation for Jesus?  
**Matthew 4:2-3** And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, \_\_\_\_\_ thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) What was Jesus' reply?  
**Matthew 4:4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every \_\_\_\_\_ that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.



For our sake He exercised a self-control stronger than hunger or death.

8) How did Isaiah describe Christ in His temptation?

**Isaiah 52:14** As many were astonished at thee; his \_\_\_\_\_ was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men

9) What was the temptation where Eve and Adam fell?

**Genesis 3:1-3** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not \_\_\_\_\_ of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

The word of God was Christ's assurance of His divine mission. He had come to live as a man among men, and it was the word that declared His connection with heaven. It was Satan's purpose to cause Him to doubt that word.

Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit. He had come to bear trial as we must do, leaving us an example of faith and submission.

10) What did Jesus quote when He said "man shall not live by bread alone"?

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3** And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that \_\_\_\_\_ out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

11) What promise is given to the obedient?

**Isaiah 33:16** He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: \_\_\_\_\_ shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

Let him who is struggling against the power of appetite look to the Saviour in the wilderness of temptation. See Him in His agony upon the cross, as He exclaimed, "I thirst." He has endured all that it is possible for us to bear. His victory is ours.

12) What was the second temptation of Christ?

**Matthew 4:5-6** Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, \_\_\_\_\_ thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Satan now supposes that he has met Jesus on His own ground. The wily foe himself presents words that proceeded from the mouth of God.

The tempter thought to take advantage of Christ's humanity, and urge Him to presumption. But while Satan can solicit, he cannot compel to sin.

The tempter can never compel us to do evil. He cannot control minds unless they are yielded to his control. The will must consent, faith must let go its hold upon Christ, before Satan can exercise his power upon us.



13) What Scripture was Satan quoting to Jesus?

**Psalms 91:11-12** For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to \_\_\_\_\_ thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

14) What was Jesus' reply this time?

**Matthew 4:7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord thy God.

Jesus would not force Providence to come to His rescue, and thus fail of giving man an example of trust and submission.

We should not present our petitions to God to prove whether He will fulfill His word, but because He will fulfill it; not to prove that He loves us, but because He loves us.

15) What was the promise Paul quoted to the Hebrew believers?

**Hebrews 11:6** But without \_\_\_\_\_ it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Presumption is Satan's counterfeit of faith. Faith claims God's promises, and brings forth fruit in obedience. Presumption also claims the promises, but uses them as Satan did, to excuse transgression.

16) What was the third temptation of our Saviour?

**Matthew 4:8-9** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Placing Jesus upon a high mountain, Satan caused the kingdoms of the world, in all their glory, to pass in panoramic view before Him. The sunlight lay on templed cities, marble palaces, fertile fields, and fruit-laden vineyards. The traces of evil were hidden. The eyes of Jesus, so lately greeted by gloom and desolation, now gazed upon a scene of unsurpassed loveliness and prosperity.

17) How did Jesus reply to this temptation?

**Matthew 4:10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is \_\_\_\_\_, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

The tempter offered to yield up the power he had usurped. Christ might deliver Himself from the dreadful future by acknowledging the supremacy of Satan. But to do this was to yield the victory in the great controversy.

Satan's dominion was that wrested from Adam, but Adam was the vicegerent of the Creator. His was not an independent rule. The earth is God's, and He has committed all things to His Son. Adam was to reign subject to Christ.

When Adam betrayed his sovereignty into Satan's hands, Christ still remained the rightful King.

When the tempter offered to Christ the kingdom and glory of the world, he was proposing that Christ should yield up the real kingship of the world, and hold dominion subject to Satan.



18) What counsel did Jesus give us?

**Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

While Satan allures people with the hope of worldly dominion, he gains dominion over the soul. But he offers that which is not his to bestow, and which is soon to be wrested from him.

In Jesus' replies, Divinity flashed through suffering humanity. Satan had no power to resist the command. Writhing with humiliation and rage, he was forced to withdraw from the presence of the world's Redeemer. Christ's victory was as complete as had been the failure of Adam.

19) What promise did James give us?

**James 4:7-8** \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

20) **Proverbs 18:10** The name of the LORD is a \_\_\_\_\_ tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

The angels now ministered to the Son of God as He lay like one dying. He was strengthened with food, comforted with the message of His Father's love and the assurance that all heaven triumphed in His victory. Warming to life again, His great heart goes out in sympathy for man, and He goes forth to complete the work He has begun; to rest not until the foe is vanquished, and our fallen race redeemed.

***Christ was made the mark of every weapon of hell.***

***Can you see how deceptive Satan is?***

***Are you interested in defeating Pride, Presumption, and Appetite in your life?***

***When is the time to surrender to God?***

