

## The Temptation Of Christ Part 1

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**Hebrews 2:18** ?For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted??

**Matthew 4:1-4** **Then** [after His baptism 3:16-17] was Jesus led up of the Spirit into **the wilderness** to be tempted of **the devil**. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. 3 And when **the tempter** came to him, he said, If thou be [since you are] the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, **It is written**, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

### The context is after His Baptism

**Matthew 3:16-17** And **Jesus**, when he **was baptized**, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**.

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### My Son is My King

**Psalms 2:6-8** Yet have **I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion**. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of **the earth for thy possession**.

### A son is tested

**Hebrews 5:8** Though he were a **Son**, yet **learned he obedience by the things which he suffered**;

### The sons of God are overcomers

**Revelation 21:7** **He that overcometh** [testing] shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and **he shall be my son**.

### Satan tempts us to do evil

**1 Corinthians 7:5** Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again **lest Satan tempt you** because of your lack of self-control

### In Providential temptations ? we count it all joy

**James 1:2-3** My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye **fall into divers temptations**; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

### Christ's mission

**Romans 15:8** Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, **to confirm the promises** made unto the fathers:

### Jesus was tempted more than three times

**Luke 4:2,13** **Being forty days tempted of the devil**. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. 13 And when **the devil had ended all the temptation**, he departed from him for a season.

### Most common areas of temptation

**1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world, **the lust of the flesh**, and **the lust of the eyes**, and **the pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

### Israel is My Son

**Exodus 4:22** And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son**, even my firstborn:

### They were baptized before the wilderness

**1 Corinthians 10:1-2** Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers [Israel] were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And **were all baptized** unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

### **The wilderness was a test**

**Deuteronomy 8:2** ?And 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.

### **The Son of God is the King of Israel**

**John 1:49** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art **the Son of God**; thou art **the King of Israel**.

### **Self-preservation is man's idol of worship**

**Job 2:4** And Satan answered the Lord and said, ?Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

### **God knows better than us**

**2 Peter 2:9** **The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations**, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

### **IT IS WRITTEN**

**Matthew 4:4** But he answered and said, **It is written**, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

### **His word is more important than food**

**Job 23:12** I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; **I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food**.

### **Hunger was for a purpose**

**Deuteronomy 8:3** ?And He [the Lord] humbled you and **let you be hungry**, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that **man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord**.

### **Israel did not learn**

**Psalm 78:19** Yea, they spake against God; they said, **Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?**

### **Many were overthrown in the wilderness**

**1 Corinthians 10:5** But **with many of them God was not well pleased**: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

### **For Jesus life is more than the physical**

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

**John 6:27** "**Do not labor for the food which perishes**, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you?

**Luke 12:23** "**Life is more than food**, and the body *is more* than clothing.

### **Trust in God when deprived**

**Job 13:15** Though he slay me [starve me!], yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

### **It leads to blessing**

**Psalm 37:3** Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

### **Life is found in obeying His voice**

### **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**

?I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So **choose life** in order that you may live, you and your descendants,<sup>20</sup> by loving the Lord your God, by **obeying His voice**, and by holding fast to Him; for **this is your life** and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.?

**Deuteronomy 8:1** All the **commandments** which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may **live**,

**Proverbs 4:4** He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain **my words**: keep my commandments, and **live**

**Proverbs 7:2** Keep **my commandments**, and **live**; and my law as the apple of thine eye.