

Lesson 108: The Temptation of Jesus

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

Memory verse: for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

Narrative:

Sometime after Jesus' baptism, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. He spent forty days and forty nights fasting (not eating or drinking anything, but praying to the Father), and He became very hungry.

During that time the devil came to Him to tempt Him. First, the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Deut 8:3, Exodus 16:4)

Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect you.
And they will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" (Deut 6:16, Exodus 17:7)

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

'You must worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.'" (Deut 6:13)

Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Throughout His time on earth, Jesus was tempted many times and in many ways, but He never sinned (Hebrews 4:14-16); He led a perfect sinless life and is the ONLY one who ever has or ever will.