

Luke 4:1-13

Last week we saw Jesus baptized in the Jordan by John, the heavens opened, the Spirit descend, and God the Father proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God.

We also learned that we are born in the line of Adam, the son of God, but can be plucked out of his lineage and adopted into the line of Jesus, the Son of God

1. We are either in the first Adam, son of God.
2. Or, we are in the last Adam, Son of God.

Now this morning, on the heels of that information, we see the last Adam experience what the first Adam experiences: a face to face confrontation with Satan Himself...but rather than fall into sin, we will see Him prove victorious!

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Sometimes the Spirit leads you into the wilderness.

1. God never tempts anyone!
2. But he can lead you into the wilderness where you will face the devil!
3. Just because your world is falling apart doesn't mean the Spirit of God isn't right there!

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Before we dive into this first temptation, I want us to set the stage by going all the way back to Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

3 Main points to grasp from this text.

1. God led the children of Israel through the wilderness for forty years to test them.

All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers. 2 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.

2. He led them out of Egypt by Moses and fed them with bread from heaven.

3 He 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.

The Lord used the testing in the wilderness and their hunger to teach them that their lives are sustained by the provision of the Lord

4 Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. 6 Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

3. Moses failed God and Joshua led them into the promised land.

Now that we have gotten some context, let's look again at this first temptation.

4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

1. God led the children of Israel through the wilderness for forty years to test them. God led Jesus into the wilderness for 40 days to test Him.
2. He led the children of Israel out of Egypt by the hand of Moses and fed them with bread from heaven. God saves His people from the world (Egypt) and feeds them spiritual bread from heaven (His Word).
3. Moses failed God and Joshua led God's people into the promised land. The Law (represented by Moses) failed and the new Joshua (Jesus) will open the door for the promised land to us through His death and resurrection!

Jesus pulls Deuteronomy 8 out of his arsenal as he faces the first temptation

1. He quotes verse 3
2. He isn't only quoting a Scripture however.
3. He is subtly pointing us to the fact that **He** is the ultimate fulfillment of all the promises of God: ultimately the promise of salvation and a future hope.

Now, we come to the second temptation...

5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

Deuteronomy 6:13 *You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.*

1. Deuteronomy is a summary of the law and was a reminder by Moses before they went into the land.
2. Why would the Israelites even need such a verse, such a command?

Exodus 32:1-8

1. Israel had been delivered from Egypt, passed through the water, and led into the wilderness
2. In no time they are worshipping something besides the one true God.
3. It is no coincidence that Satan meets Jesus in the wilderness and seeks to incite him to worship
 - a. He has just been through the water and led into the wilderness
 - b. Maybe he would have a weak moment like Israel did.
4. It is no coincidence that Jesus pulls the first commandment out in His response.

Lastly, we come to the third temptation.

9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; 10 for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,' 11 and, 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

Deuteronomy 6:16 *You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah.*

- a. What happened at Massah?
- b. They tempted the Lord!

Exodus 17:1-7

1. Is the Lord among us or not?
 - a. Is He among us? He brought you out of Egypt with a might arm and an outstretched hand!
 - b. He caused you to pass through the water on dry land
 - c. He has led you in the wilderness with a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day.
 - d. He has provided you bread to eat. Is He among us?! What more evidence do you need?!
 - e. You have tested the Lord with your lack of faith.
2. If you are the Son of God...God will catch you. Is he among us or not Jesus? Prove it!
 - a. The prophets prophesied of me
 - b. The angels announced my conception and my birth
 - c. Shepherds rejoiced, magi paid homage, and a mad king was so threatened he sought to murder me.
 - d. John the Baptist pointed me out, the heavens opened up, the Holy Spirit has descended upon me like a dove, and God the father proclaimed from above that I am His beloved Son.
 - e. What more evidence do I need? Test the Lord by jumping from the temple? No.
 - f. His word is sufficient.

13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

1. The point of this story is not just "how to defeat temptation."
 - a. Yes go to Scripture
 - b. Yes, know the Scripture
2. The moral of this story is Jesus the Son of God, unlike Adam the son of God, suffered every temptation and overcame!

- a. Hebrews 4:15 *For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*
- b. The first Adam was without sin before the testing came, but not afterwards.
- c. We, children of Adam, were without sin neither before the testing or afterwards.
- d. But, Jesus, the last Adam, was without sin both before and after the testing.

3. And ultimately he has provided us the victory!

- a. He came out of the battle victorious
- b. The devil was forced to leave
- c. Luke 4:14 *And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit*

Aren't you thankful that Jesus faced the devil and conquered him for us? Aren't you thankful that we depend upon Him for our righteousness?

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