

## Matthew 4      **The King's Temptation and Victory**

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“ From the blessing of his baptism at the river Jordan, Jesus is now led into the wilderness to launch his ministry. His ministry would determine the eternal destiny of the souls of all mankind. Jesus was tested to prove to every creature in heaven and earth that He alone is the Victor (1 Cor 15:57).

The first Adam met the devil in a beautiful garden, the *last Adam* (1 Cor 15:45) met the enemy on his turf (*the wilderness*). Adam had abundant provision and his bride for his battle, but Jesus was *an hungered* and alone. Adam lost, and brought sin and death into the world. Jesus both exposed Satan's tactics and won the battle. Because of Christ's victory we, too, can have victory over the tempter. In the next three years Jesus beat Satan in more battles and ultimately won the greatest victory on Calvary's cross (Jn 12:31, Col 2:15).”      *Wiersbe*

v 1 *led of the Spirit* = Lk 4:1 ;    the principle - Rom 8:14  
*the wilderness* = the devil's "home-turf" and his handiwork here, Lk 8:29

v 2 *fasted forty days* ~ Moses, Ex 34:28      doct: John 1:17

v 3 *the tempter* (1 Th 3:5) - one of the eighteen names of Satan since his fall.  
If thou be the Son of God = Satanic *if's*    Mt 4:6, 27:40    Lk 23:37 & 39  
 The **If's** challenge His : Divinity, word, miracles, cross

### **The Nature of Jesus Temptation** - Heb 4:15

	Matt 4	Gen 3	1 John 2	
body	v 3-4	v 1	v 16	<i>lust of the flesh</i>
spirit	v 5-7	v 5	v 16	<i>pride of life</i>
soul	v 8-10	v 4	v 16	<i>lust of the eyes</i>

Temptation # 1 (v 3-4)

D: Use your powers to satisfy your physical needs.

J: The needs of a man's spirit are greater than those of his body.

Deu 8:3    Job 23:12    Pr 13:25    Isa 55:2    1 Pet 2:2

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## Temptation # 2 (v 5-7)

D: Use the scriptures (and *the temple*) to *get* your way.

J: The Bible isn't meant to be misused, trying to turn God into your servant.

Deu 6:16 Mt 15:6 2 Cor 2:17 &amp; 4:2 2 Pet 3:16

## Temptation # 3 (v 8-10)

D: Use my resources as a shortcut to have the Kingdom Now!

J: True worship means we *serve God only*, according to His timetable.

Deu 6:13 Ex 34:14 Jos 24:14 Ps 29:2 John 4:24

**The Resource for Jesus Victory - It is written**

Jesus made use of **the holy scriptures**. He quoted from the doctrinal book of the Old Testament: *Deuteronomy*. Satan, and his false shepherds will misuse the Bible to advance their agenda: both religious and governmental. They will take Bible promises both out of their dispensation and out of context and mislead the simple out of their money, their salvation and assurance. We need to learn our doctrinal book : Romans. God's shepherd's must *rightly divide the word of truth* (2 Tim 2:15) and learn the difference between God's dealings with Israel (OT) and the Church (NT). The Bible is our only offensive weapon to battle Satan, 2 Cor 10:3-6, Eph 6:17.

**The Reason for Jesus Victory**

Jesus did not use His divine power to battle the enemy (that's what Satan wanted him to do). Rather he used the spiritual resources that God gave him : God's word and God's Spirit. And these are the same resources available to us; so that we, too, can have victory over temptation. 1 Cor 10:13 (v 11) Rom 8:1-2

v 11 Satan slunk away defeated ... only *for a season*, Luke 4:13.

spir: Our enemy will return for more battles (he did with Jesus).

We must be *sober and vigilant because our adversary, the devil* is still walking about, looking for opportunities to attack us (again & again), 1 Peter 5:8.

resources:

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