

Evening Service March 25, 2018

“Victory in Jesus” Luke 4:1-13

I. See Him in comparison to Adam –

<sup>38</sup> the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.  
(Luke 3:38 NKJ)

1. Why is Adam called by Luke “the son of God?”
  - A. Because he was NOT born, he was just created, he had no earthly father.
  - B. Yet, he was / is not “the Son of God” like Jesus is. Jesus is the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON –

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 NKJ)**

2. Yet, there are other areas of comparison –
  - A. Both begin on earth sinless –
  - B. Both are presented with temptation –
    - Here is where similarity breaks down!
    - Adam’s temptation comes in a beautiful garden / Jesus’ in the wilderness
    - Adam’s in a perfect world / Jesus’ in one marred by sin
    - Adam’s from his lovely wife / Jesus’ directly from Satan!
    - Adam falls to bring the entire world down with him / Jesus gains the victory, taking first steps toward saving the world –

**For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)**

II. See Him in comparison to Israel (the Nation) –

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,<sup>2</sup> being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. (Luke 4:1-2 NKJ)

1. I believe Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness correspond with Israel’s 40 years in the wilderness, plus like Adam & Jesus, the  
D. The nation Israel is also called God’s son -

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. <sup>22</sup> "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. (Exo 4:21-22 NKJ)

<sup>NKJ</sup> Hosea 11:1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son. (Hos 11:1 NKJ)

*Yet, unlike Jesus, LIKE ADAM Israel fails and falls to temptation, not only in the wilderness but their entire history was a record of failure!*

III. See Jesus victorious over sin and Satan - let us analyze His victory:

1. It is a victory of a Man over the Devil –
  - A. In Luke 2, Jesus is shown as the eternal Son of God became Man!
  - B. In Luke 3, we saw Him humbly willing to sympathize and even identify with man in his sinful state!
  - C. He would also EXPERIENCE temptation –

<sup>15</sup> **For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15 NKJ)**

2. It was a victory He was led to by the Holy Spirit –  
**Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, (Luke 4:1 NKJ)**

**Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1 NKJ)**

3. It was a victory over a variety of temptations –

- A. *Fleshly desire / hunger –*  
**And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." (Luke 4:3 NKJ)**

*B. Worldly power or an easier way than the cross –*  
**Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup> "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." (Luke 4:5-7 NKJ)**

*C. Pride, prove Yourself –*

<sup>9</sup> Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> "For it is written: `He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' (Luke 4:9-10 NKJ)

4. *It was a victory WON by God's Word!*

But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, `Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" (Luke 4:4 NKJ)

A. *Note Satan used / uses God's word –*

<sup>10</sup> "For it is written: `He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' (Luke 4:9-10 NKJ)

*Yet, he uses it sinfully –*

B. *Jesus out does him -*

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, `You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup> Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. (Luke 4:12-13 NKJ)

C. *It is one of the weapons God provides for us as well –*

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints (Ephesians 6:10-18 NKJ)

5. *Note this PERSONAL / INDIVIDUAL VICTORY preceded His success in ministry -*

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. (Luke 4:14 NKJ)

A. *Elders / leaders in the church need similar personal victories –*

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28 NKJ)

B. *Satan comes after us as well –*

"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. <sup>32</sup> "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:29-32 NKJ)

C. *Not only elders, but he (Satan) hunts the flock –*

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJ)

D. *Yet our victory ultimately comes from and depends upon Jesus –*

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, (1 Timothy 2:5 NKJ)

<sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (Hebrews 2:14 NKJ)

Oh, victory in Jesus, My Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood

Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. (James 1:12 NKJ)

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (Revelation 12:11 NKJ)

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