

# The Temptation of King Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

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Last week I showed you how Christ Jesus, our gracious Saviour,

- emerged from obscurity to undertake His public ministry as the Messiah—
  - The Messiah or the Christ means *The Anointed One*...
    - and it was at His baptism that He was anointed by God's Spirit to His public office...
    - He is God's anointed prophet, priest, and King for us!

He did not come in a royal procession with honourable men to run before...

- Instead He began His public ministry with baptism—
  - the symbol of the washing away of the filth of sin!
- By receiving this sign at His anointing, He showed what the nature of His kingdom and His ministry was to be.
  - He showed that He was taking His place as the head of a sinful fallen people whom God had promised to redeem.
  - And as the Head of such a sinful society,
    - He was taking full responsibility for all the church's sin!
    - He was fully identifying Himself with those who stood in need of cleansing—of redemption and the forgiveness of sins.
    - By taking His office as Christ, He was thereby committing Himself to do all that was necessary to make His sinful people righteous!
      - That is why the symbol of admission into His kingdom is baptism...
      - His kingdom is all about cleansing sinners.

Wonderful things happened as soon as He was baptised...

- Almost immediately, the Heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him.
- This was a true heavenly anointing—
  - The Spirit of God was given to equip Him for the arduous task of redeeming His people—of serving them as their prophet, priest and King.
  - The heavens that had been shut up to man because of sin were opened...
    - By Him, communion with Heaven was opened up again for all of His people!
    - The Holy Spirit would now bring the blessing of life with God to all the elect!

- In this, Jesus fulfilled what is shown about Aaron in Psalm 133...
  - In that Psalm, the anointing oil was poured on his head and ran down over His entire body.
  - In the same way, the Spirit was poured on Jesus as the Head of the body, and would bring life and holiness to all the members.
- And when the Spirit was given, another wonderful comforting thing occurred.
  - God the Father spoke from heaven:
    - “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!”
  - Even though Jesus, in taking His public office, had just joined Himself to a sinful, corrupt people,
    - The great love of the Father from all eternity toward Him did not change—
      - He still was delighted with His Son...
        - He was just as pleased with Him now that He was joined to sinners as He ever was...
          - because He knew that in becoming our Head, the Son would do all that was required of Him to make us righteous and holy...
          - He would even go willingly to the cross if that was what was needed.

What a tremendous encouragement all this must have been to Jesus!

- In His human nature, He was given the full support and applause of Heaven to encourage Him in His calling.

Brothers and sisters,

- God’s ordinances are wonderful.
- How wonderful it is to hear God’s promises proclaimed in our ears, and to have our hearts burn within us when we hear the Word!
  - How encouraging it is to meditate on our own baptism...
    - in which God declares our cleansing in Christ,
    - His promise to baptise us with His life giving Spirit,
    - and His full acceptance of us in Christ!

Now that He had been revealed as the Messiah,

- You might have expected that He would immediately have entered the city of Jerusalem with a great procession...
  - That He might have begun to perform signs and wonders to demonstrate to all that He was indeed the Christ, the Son of the living God...

- But instead, the Spirit of God led Him into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil!
- That's what we are told in Matthew 4:1:
  - "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."
  - In Mark's gospel, it is added that this took place **immediately** after His baptism.

**I. Do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, that it is often after the times of greatest spiritual encouragement that the greatest testing comes.**

A. There are those times when you rise from your knees or come home from church wondering how anything could ever lead you away from your God.

1. You have beheld His glory and been assured of His covenant love...

- You are so full of joyful gratitude and assurance that it seems like nothing will ever be able to spoil it!
- I don't mean to say that this happens every day or every week,
  - but there are those very special times of great encouragement.

2. But I say that it is often soon after such times that the greatest trials of your faith come.

a. Is this not the pattern we find again and again in Scripture?

1) It was after Paul was taken into heaven and shown glorious things that the messenger of Satan was sent to vex him.

2) It was after Israel was baptised into Moses,

- having left Pharaoh to join themselves to him as God's anointed leader,
- and having sung the victory song that Pharaoh was drowned in the sea,
- that they found themselves not in the land of milk and honey, but in the wilderness of temptation.

3) Look at Joseph—

- no sooner had he dreamed his dream of his great honour and dominion than he was sold by his brothers and shipped off to Egypt to be a slave.

4) Look at Abraham—

- who arrives at the promised land and soon has to go down to Egypt because of a famine...

5) And Jacob who received the blessing...

- and immediately has to flee from the wrath of his brother...
- and ends up receiving nothing but ill treatment from Laban for twenty years!

6) Look at David—

- no sooner had he been anointed king and he was vexed by Goliath of Gath, threatening God’s people—
- and then the even longer period of running away from the jealous Saul.

b. God tells you in His word not to be surprised or to consider it some strange thing when trials come upon you.

- You are redeemed out of a fallen world that has been given over to Satan,
- You cannot enter the kingdom of glory without first going through a difficult battle!
- Put your hand to the plough and do not look back.
- You are Christ’s disciple and you cannot expect to have it better than He did.
- Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Him!

B. Jesus has gone into the wilderness before you...

- It is by following Him that you will be led safely through the wilderness!

1. You see that it was fully God’s intention for Him to be tempted.

- Verse 1 declares plainly that:
  - “Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted.”

a. But what is this?

- God tempting man?
- Does James not teach us that we should never say,
  - “I am tempted by God,”
  - because God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt any man?
  - How is it that the Spirit of God led Jesus to be tempted of the Devil?

b. There is no inconsistency here in the Word of God.

- James is saying that God never encourages you to do evil or cheers you on in evil...
  - That is the work of Satan and those who willingly assist him.

- But clearly, God does lead us and put us into the place of temptation...
  - into situations in which we are tempted!
- He works **all** things according to the counsel of His own will!
  - Brothers and sisters, you have never been tempted apart from God's leading you into the temptation...
    - because nothing can happen outside of God's purpose and plan.

c. This ought to be a great encouragement to you!

- It ought to encourage you that no one, not even Satan, can slip in a temptation that is not a part of God's plan and purpose!
- It ought to assure you that God has a good and righteous purpose in your *all* your temptations.
- When you find yourself in the wilderness, know that God led you to that place because He has a good purpose to work in you!

2. Look at Jesus!

a. He was sent to be tempted in the wilderness not in order that He might fail...

- but in order that He might overcome Satan!

1) God was giving Him the opportunity to begin defeating Satan for us!

- God was giving Him the opportunity to try out His new armour, having just received the anointing of the Spirit.
- God was giving Him the opportunity to prepare and strengthen Himself for the great contest that was yet to come...
  - the days of hard ministry leading up to the cross!

2) Can't you see how all these same opportunities are presented to you in your temptations?

- You too are given the opportunity to defeat Satan by the grace of Christ,
  - to show him that you no longer belong to him, but to Jesus.
- You too are given the opportunity to experience the grace and power of the Spirit who enables you to overcome...
- And you are given the opportunity to prepare for future service to your Lord—
  - and to help others as they go into battle.

b. Of course we are not to desire temptation—

- It is wrong for you to want anyone or anything to come and try to lead you away from God...
  - That is why Jesus teaches us to pray, “Lead me not into temptation.”
  - But He teaches us to pray this because sometimes God does lead us into temptation...
    - And so He adds, “But deliver us from evil.”
- c. You are not to desire temptation, but when it comes, you are to know that God is the one who brought you there—
  - not so that you might sin, but so that you might overcome by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
    - just as He overcame.
    - He is our high priest who was tempted in every way that we are—yet without sin!
      - As our representative, He has overcome Satan for all of us...
      - By His grace we will all overcome...
        - Now we have the grace to battle and fight our temptations because of His victory,
        - And the day will come when the battle will be over and we will rest in the eternal peace that He secured for us.

TRANS> Just look at how He overcame each temptation that Satan threw at Him:

## **II. The first temptation is found in verse 2 & 3.**

- Matthew 4:2-3: And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- A. At His baptism, Jesus had just been told:
  - “You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.”
  - 1. Here He is, in the wilderness, hungry and alone.
    - a. Satan seems to be suggesting to Him,
      - “You are the Son of God!?”
      - “You who were born in a stable...
        - who had to flee to Egypt to spare your life...
        - who has spent the first thirty years of your life as the son of a carpenter?”

- “And now you are starving in the wilderness?”
- b. “What a strange way for God to treat His beloved Son!”
  - “Should the One who came to save the world and inherit the world starve to death in the wilderness?”
  - “If you are the Son of God command these stones to become bread!”
- 2. Satan’s goal here is to make the Son question the Father’s goodness.
  - a. You see how he makes the most of the opportunity.
  - b. He finds Him hungry, so He appeals to His appetite and tries to stir Him up to be dissatisfied with the Father’s provision!
    - The idea is, “You’ve got to do something or you will starve!”
    - He tries to make His bodily appetites master over His soul!
      - To bring Him into bondage to His flesh!
- 3. His goal is to get Jesus to use His power independently of the Father’s will to supply His need.
  - a. But understand,
    - Jesus never worked a single miracle apart from the Father’s command.
    - In fact, none of the true prophets did...
      - This is the difference between true and false prophets.
      - God’s true prophets do nothing unless God commands them.
        - False prophets do their own independent will and speak their own independent words.
  - b. But for Jesus, this subservience to the Father goes even deeper!
    - For all eternity, God the Son has operated in perfect concert with God the Father.
    - Not once has He operated independently of Him!
      - When Jesus was accused and told that He was wrong to heal on the Sabbath, do you remember what He said?
        - “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”
    - Every miracle that Jesus worked was one that the Father called Him to work...
      - He did nothing independently of the Father!

- There are not two wills, but one will.
  - What the Father does, the Son does also.
- c. Satan is trying to break up this eternal harmony between the Father and the Son.
- Now that the Son had taken to Himself human flesh,
    - He would have bodily appetites that would cry out for satisfaction or relief, just like you do!
  - But it was His calling to **suffer** in the human flesh,
    - He would have stepped out of that calling if He had begun to use His divine power to relieve all pain and hardship from His life.
    - At no time was He to use His divine power to satisfy His bodily desires.
  - If He had done so now,
    - You can be sure that He would have sought relief at the cross when that hour came!
  - And so it was that here, in the wilderness,
    - He established it once and for all that He was not going to satisfy His bodily desires in an **unlawful** way—
      - He would pray—
        - “If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me.”
      - But He would not seek relief in an **unauthorised** way...
        - by using His authority to call ten thousand legions of angels to come rescue Him!
        - Though He had the power to do so,
          - He would not go outside of the boundaries that the Father had set for Him!

B. Christian, you know these same temptations!

1. Your bodies are given to you to serve your spirit,
  - but your flesh cries out for dominion!
- a. See the pitiful state of the drug addict whose bodily appetite rules over him—
  - He will lie or steal or cheat or even murder to get his fix.



- See the cocaine addict desperately grouping around on the floor to find a little bit of the white powder that might have spilled on the floor!
  - See the drunkard neglect his family, ruin his career, and give all that he has for another drink.
- b. See the man with his sexual desires,
- breaking the boundaries of chastity that God has established...
  - See him in a trance like state, knocking down every check of conscience to pursue his lust... like a wild donkey...
- c. These are real struggles in a fallen world!
- Our bodies cry out for satisfaction,
    - but God calls you to restrain your flesh...
  - You sin whenever you go outside the boundaries He has established to satisfy your bodily appetites!
    - It is then that you break fellowship with the Father in order to fill your belly...
    - It is then that your god is your belly...
      - a god that is never satisfied!
2. Satan comes to you when you are most vulnerable—discouraged, tired—in the wilderness alone!
- a. He saw that Jesus was hungry and alone, so this is when he struck!
- A man goes on a business trip—
    - he has worked hard all day,
    - now he is tired and alone...
  - There he is, alone in a motel room, away from his family and everyone who knows him...
    - And there is that porn station, calling him to come and enjoy.
    - His body is calling for satisfaction—
      - Just as our Lord's body was crying out for food...
      - The bodily desire itself is not wrong...
        - But as soon as a desire to fulfil the desire unlawfully is in any way cherished, sin is born.
- b. Parents, beware that you do not indulge your children's bodily appetites when they are tired or hungry!

- If you allow them to complain and grumble, to whine and demand because they are tired...
  - You are teaching them that these behaviours are acceptable when you are tired and hungry.
- But God does not command that we do all things without grumbling and complaining unless we are tired!
  - When Israel grumbled in the wilderness, they could not say:
    - Yes, but we were tired and hungry...
    - That was no excuse for breaking God's boundaries.

c. This is a major problem in our society today!

- More and more the standard of right and wrong is based on human desires.
- We have made our bodily appetites Lord!
  - First, it is decided that because I have a strong appetite for pre-marital sex, I don't need to wait for marriage...
    - and if children should result, I am not responsible—I can abandon them or kill them if I choose.
  - Then, because I have a strong appetite for extra-marital sex also, adultery becomes an acceptable – or at least understandable thing.
  - Then, because I have a strong appetite for perverted sex—homosexual relations and sodomy become lawful.
    - Not God, but my bodily craving sets the standard!

3. Christian, you know the ongoing struggles you have with your bodily appetites.

- You know how they want to take dominion and to break out of the boundaries that God has appointed for them!
- You all face the battle in different ways, but you all know it.
- God often puts you to the test—
  - He humbles you by taking away some of your comforts to test you and see if you will keep His commandments.
- Our Lord Jesus knew this temptation well.

C. But look at how He overcomes!

1. He turns to God's word—

- to the place where it talks about what God was teaching Israel when He took away their bodily comforts in the wilderness—

- Where God says that He took away their bread to humble them in order that they might learn that:
    - “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”
2. God wants you to know that you are not sustained by bread, but by His word!
- a. God’s word is not just His written word, but also His word of power—
    - We are told: the world was created by the word of His power!
      - He said, “Let there be light, and there was light.”
    - Likewise, He sustains you and gives you life by the word of His power—
      - When God first found Israel in her blood and adopted her as a nation, He said “Live” and she lived.
  - b. God has made some of His decrees known to us...
    - For example, He has said, “The sinful soul, it shall die”—and so it will!
    - Yet, He has also said of Jesus Christ,
      - “Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”
  - c. God wants you to understand that you do not live by grabbing at this and grabbing at that...
    - It is He who sustains you by His all powerful word and decree!
    - 1) You think that eating keeps you alive...
      - but it is not eating, but God using your eating that keeps you alive.
      - Your life is not made full and blessed by satisfying all your appetites, but by submitting to God who alone is able to bless.
        - You may be poor and blessed or rich and blessed—
        - You may be poor and cursed or rich and cursed—
        - It is not poverty and riches that determine it, but God.
          - The sooner you learn that, that better off you will be.
          - If you belong to Jesus, God is teaching you that lesson.
    - 2) Jesus knew that obtaining food independently of God’s will would bring death, not life—
      - and so He entrusted Himself to His heavenly Father’s will.
      - He refused to obtain food unlawfully.

TRANS> But Satan is not easily put off—

- If Jesus is so committed to trusting His Father’s provision,
  - then Satan will try to get him to presume upon His provision!

### **III. This second temptation is found in verse 5-6.**

- READ v. 5-6

A. This time Satan is saying—

1. “Very well then, you are trusting in your heavenly Father, let me see just how far that trust goes!”
  - “You say that you believe that God gives you life...and that He is not dependent on bread or anything else.”
  - “If you really believe that God can keep you alive, then jump off the temple and prove it.”
    - “I bet you don’t trust Him enough to do that, do you?”
    - “Do you actually believe Psalm 91 when it says that He will give His angels charge concerning you and that they will bear you up lest you dash your food against a stone?”
2. And there is more...
  - a. Satan took Him to the temple for a reason.
    - This was the Holy City, the City that God had chosen to reveal His name.
    - It was here that Jesus could make a public display of God’s grace and show His people that He was their Messiah!
    - If He really trusted God, let Him show how God is able to deliver!
  - b. You can be sure that Jesus would have gained a great following if He had done such a thing.
    - He would have shown that God can do anything!
    - He would have shown God’s commitment to Him that He would not allow Him to suffer harm.
  - c. Now it was in fact God’s plan to demonstrate this...
    - but in a far superior way than by sensationalism!
      - God’s plan was that Jesus would be crucified and then raised from the dead on the third day!
3. The temptation for Jesus here was that He would try to force the Father to demonstrate His love and power—not on the Father’s terms, but on His own.

B. Oh brothers and sisters, this is a deadly temptation!

1. It is not for you to decide how God ought to demonstrate His love to you!
  - a. There are those who go around all the time looking for special displays of God's love to them...
    - They are always asking the question of God,
      - "Do you love me?
      - Are you with me?
      - Are you blessing me?"
    - Their whole life is a kind of a manipulation game—
      - trying to get God to do things for them to prove His love.
    - They look for this and that token of God's special guidance of their lives, special answers to prayer, or whatever.
  - b. Now I am not for a moment saying that you shouldn't give thanks to God for loading you with fresh mercies each day and answering your prayers...
    - but I am saying that it is a completely wrong way of living the Christian life to always be seeking the proof of God's special love to you through these things.
      - Of all people, you (as a Christian) ought to be thankful for the least of God's mercies—
      - The difference between you and your unbelieving neighbour should not be that he worked hard to put supper on the table,
        - but you prayed for it and the ravens brought it to your door...
        - but rather that you both got food on your table by the labour of your hands,
          - but that you give thanks to God and rejoice in His mercies while your neighbour refuses to acknowledge His hand.
    - c. You see Christian, God has already demonstrated His love by sending His Son to die on the cross for your sins.
      - And in giving you His Holy Spirit to effectively call you to repent and believe the gospel!
- 1) Rather than seeking some trivial proof of His love and commitment to you,
  - you ought to be basking in the reality of the love demonstrated at the cross—and in your conversion!

- Rejoice not that demons are subject to you, but that your names are written down in heaven!
- 2) It is really quite offensive for any Christian to question God's love to them and to begin to demand a proof of His love!
- To see Christians complaining about the way God has treated them when He has shown such marvellous mercy to them!
  - Yet, you know that grumbling—
    - that unwillingness to be satisfied unless God gives you what you want, and gives it to you now!
2. To counteract this temptation, Jesus once again refers to Israel in the wilderness when they had questioned God's love.
- a. There they were, in the wilderness!
- Yes, God had delivered them out of Egypt, but now there was no good food to eat and no water to drink!
  - At Massah and Meribah that tempted God by demanding that He provide for them on their terms...
    - They said, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
    - "Can He provide a table in the wilderness?"
- b. And so it was that when Moses was giving the next generation instructions about how they were to live before God,
- He told them:
    - "You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah!"
  - The big offense was that God had already given them ample proof and they were still demanding more and more!
    - In Numbers 14:22-23, the Lord declares:
      - "because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it."
      - Even though God has blessed them so richly and proven Himself to them again and again, it was not enough for them!
- c. As for Jesus, it was enough for Him that the Father had declared his love for Him at His baptism.

- He could abide in the wilderness or go to the cross—wherever the Father called Him to go...
  - The Father had spoken and that was enough.
    - Further proof was not required!
3. There is probably little that hinders you more in your Christian life than this, my brothers and sisters!
- a. You are not ready to bear to the cross because you are still doubting God’s love and looking for Him to prove it to you.
  - b. Instead of losing yourself in faithful service to Him, you are still looking for Him to prove Himself to you.
    - Rather than diligently training up your children in the LORD, you demand that He show His love to you by blessing them...
    - Rather than diligently working to provide for you family, you demand that God show His love and power by providing for them anyway.
    - Rather than earnestly studying His word, labouring in prayer, and giving yourself to the service of your neighbour, you complain that God is not blessing you and that you have a miserable life!
  - c. How sad the words concerning Christ in John 12:37:
    - “But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him.”
    - “You shall not tempt the LORD your God!”

**IV. Then there is this third temptation that Jesus meets and conquers—given in verse 8-9.**

- READ v. 8-9
- A. This time, Satan presents to Christ the very thing that God has promised to give Him and offers it to Him now.
1. God promised to give the LORD Jesus the nations as His inheritance if He would do what was required to make them righteous—
    - which meant, of course, going to the cross to redeem them.
    - It was the joy of coming to govern these nations in righteousness that moved the Lord Jesus to press on in His difficult path...
      - It was His delight in restoring these nations to God,
      - of seeing them worshipping God in the beauty of holiness...

- of seeing them happy and redeemed and full of the Spirit...
- of hearing them singing the praises of Jehovah...
  - that caused Him to do all that He did for their salvation.

2. But Satan offers these nations and all their glory to the LORD Jesus **now!**

- a. He offers them to Him without His having to go to the cross!
- b. Now it is fair to ask the question: Was this really something that Satan has the authority to offer?

- The answer is yes—and no!

1) You know what happened to Adam.

- Satan had wrestled the dominion of the earth away from Adam and had become the god of this world, the ruler of the nations.
- Jesus was to take back that dominion by His death, resurrection, and ascension as the second Adam...
  - but theoretically, if Jesus had here and now worshipped Satan, there would have been no redemption for the nations!
  - They would have remained in the hand of the wicked one!
  - So you see that it was a real offer.

2) But of course, it was impossible that the LORD Jesus would turn from His Father and worship Satan—

- This was something that He would never do.
- And besides, the inheritance of the nations as they were under Satan would have been an entirely different thing than what God had promised to the Son...
  - Satan showed Jesus the glory of the nations—with all their kings and their wealth and their pleasures...
  - But He did not show Him their misery—with poverty and war and death to which they were all subject.
  - It would have been nations that were perishing under the wrath of God and that were full of sin that Jesus would have obtained from Satan,
    - But nations full of joy, peace, salvation, holiness, justice, and the fullness of life that Jesus was promised from His heavenly Father.

B. Jesus has heard enough from Satan!

- He dismisses Him with these words:



- v. 10: “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”
1. My brothers and sisters, God has promised you an inheritance in heaven!
    - but it comes after a life of denying yourself and bearing the cross!
    - a. Satan offers you your inheritance now!
      - Heaven without the cross and the struggle of self-denial and the struggle of sanctification.
    - b. There are many different ways to fall into this trap...
      - For one, it is the way of the prodigal son—who takes his inheritance now and wastes it all on riotous living.
      - Another has his inheritance like the Pharisee who gave his offering and prayed to be seen of men—
        - Jesus said, “he has his reward in this life.”
  2. Satan comes to you and he says, you can have that career that you have dreamed of—or that fame—or those riches—or that social life—
    - you can have the thing that your heart desires if only...
      - if only you will worship me.
    - a. Notice that Satan does not demand that Jesus stop worshipping God per se...
      - He calls you to bow to him also.
      - You have to pursue things his way.
      - Here is an opportunity for success in business—by means of a little shady dealing here and there—
        - an opportunity for social acceptance—by a little compromise here and another one there...
        - an opportunity for expanding the church—by changing this and altering that a little to make things more appealing...
    - b. This temptation is as real in your life as David’s temptation to kill Saul was when he found him in the cave...
      - Do you remember that?
      - God had anointed David and promised to him the kingdom.
        - David refused to try to cease this kingdom by unrighteous means and would not kill Saul, who was God’s anointed king at that time.

- Even though God was displeased with Saul, and even though Saul was trying his best to kill David, even when David found him in the cave relieving himself, he did not kill him.
  - To do so would have been to receive the kingdom from Satan's hand, but David wanted to receive it from God's hand.
- c. Whenever you try to obtain some aspect of the things promised you in heaven—joy, peace, comfort, wealth, happiness, love, pleasure—
  - when you try to obtain these things by some form of disobedience to God, you are in fact worshipping Satan to get what God has promised.
  - But I warn you,
    - Satan's gift is not at all like God's gift—
    - It is painted with gold, but it is full of misery and death—
      - The inheritance that Satan offers will perish, but God's inheritance endures forever!
- 3. So do as our Lord Jesus did!
  - Tell Satan to be gone!
  - Tell Him that you are resolved to worship God only!

**Conclusion:**

- And you see the conclusion in verse 11
  - Satan goes away and the ministering angels come to serve Him!
- When Adam fell in the garden,
  - He was driven from God's presence with Satan...
  - But our Lord Jesus remained in full communion with His Heavenly Father.
    - And just as all of Adam's seed were driven out with Him,
    - So all of Christ's seed remain in God's presence with Jesus!

Where Adam failed, the LORD Jesus prevailed.

- Satan is defeated, and Christ lives forever!
- Believe on Him and you will live also!
  - Believe Satan and you will be cast out with him.