

“Promised the World”

Luke 4:5-8
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Introduction

- Black Friday-- “bait and trap”
- Three general areas of temptation

“Promised the World”

A. The **“Carrot”**-- *“all the kingdoms of this world”*

1. The **“View”** from on top-- v. 5
 - a. Physically impossible
 - b. Must have been a vision
 - c. Satan use of the “imagination” of man
 - 1) God created us with imaginative powers
 - 2) Imagination can be used for either good or evil purposes
2. The **“Offer”**-- v. 6
 - a. Presents the positive-- the “power and splendor”
 - b. Satan has the “right” to offer the kingdom
3. The **“Lure”**-- why this “carrot” is appealing to Jesus
 - a. Jesus will one day inherit all of the nations-- Ps 2; Dan 7:13-14
 - b. But Jesus could have them NOW-- Instant gratification
 - c. Jesus could have them without the cross-- Painless Acquisition
 - d. Satan’s interest in bypassing the Cross
 - 1) The Cross seals Satan and his cohort’s doom
 - 2) The Cross frees Satan’s captives.

B. The **“Cost”**-- *“Bow down and worship me”*-- 4:7

1. Satan views this as a **“Win-Win”** situation
 - a. He receives the worship he has always craved-- Isa 14
 - b. Jesus gets his kingdoms now without pain
2. Real Cost: Renounce his allegiance to the Father
3. The “hidden” cost of sin

C. The **“Cure”**-- How Jesus resisted the temptation.

1. **“Get that out of my face”**-- 4:8
 - a. Remove object of lust from before your eyes
 - b. Illustration-- David
 - c. “Casting down imaginations”-- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
2. **“Pledge allegiance to God and God alone”**--Deut. 6:3
 - a. Be content
 - b. Willingness to wait
 - c. Make a covenant with our eyes—Job 31:1