

# Temptations

## Luke 4: 1-13



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# 1. We have an enemy (Eph.6:11; 1 Pet.5:8)



- This warfare was announced in Gen.3:15. Whether we know it or not, His aim is to draw us back to him.
- God's work is done through you and me and the devil doesn't like it; so he tries to distract us from what God wants us to do.
- Secondly, if he can get us into his trap; he can show to others our failures and discourage other people from following God.

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- a) Jesus took baptism
  - 1) This shows that he was identifying Himself with the sinners
  - 2) He was giving a sort of approval to the ministry of John the Baptist
- b) This was the time when His heavenly father affirmed, “This is my beloved son in whom I am pleased”.
- c) When He was filled with the Holy Spirit.

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- When we are blessed we know that God is with us, and that is the least expected time that the devil will test us.
- Therefore, it is essential that we should spend time to meditate on the message and be thankful to God for the message.

### 3. Devil attacks in different ways



- 1) Here the Devil is using the scripture to tempt Jesus
- 2) We see that the devil is using the scripture out of context. This is very dangerous. Rightly dividing the truth is necessary.
- If we have to live a victorious and fruitful Christian life; and accomplish what the Lord desires for us, it is necessary that we should not neglect the gathering together. Heb.10...

## 4. The temptation never ends



- Devil will tempt us until the last. See Luke 4:13. ‘opportune time’. Devil took a break and was looking for a suitable time.
- “If you are the son of God prove it”. The same temptation and challenge came when Jesus was on the cross. “If you are the son of God save thyself and us also”.

## 5. Devil is a defeated foe



- He has power over us only as much as God allows. Jesus defeated him on the cross and that victory is ours. This takes away our fear.

# The three temptations



**1. Turn these stones into bread. V.v.3.** Do nothing that is outside the will of God or contrary to His word and to fulfill your need. Satan brings the snare it trap us. God's spirit reminds us about the situation. If you do this little thing and you can become rich or gain much. This comes in one way or other to us almost in our daily life.

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**2. Worship me. V.5-7.** This is a clear violation of the second commandment. A temptation to bypass the cross. Jesus came to die on the cross and save mankind. This was determined even from eternity. We see this in Heb. 12:2. Avoid the cross

**3. Jump. V.9.** A spectacular scene by which you can attract the people and have them follow you. We need much discernment to understand the devices of the devil. Jesus had a desire to please the Father more than anything else.

# Conclusion



- When you are weak, the devil knows it. Devil has different strategies.
- When you know something is wrong, correct it immediately. Confess and come back. The problem is not that we did wrong, but we are not willing to recognize it and forsake it and fail to give up. Jesus overcame the temptation. He was tested like us.