

Part 2---- Wrestling with the enemy Matt 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

Matt 4:1 Then was Jesus (*being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan*) led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (*Being forty days tempted of the devil*) 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward hungered. 3 And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If you be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. (*next 2 tests in different order*) 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And said unto him, If you be the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, (*and the glory of them: for it hath been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it*) if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him (*departed from him for a season*), and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

I. Jesus was tempted---- and overcame ALL

Heb 4:15... touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

_____ the truth---Be yielded to the truth---Confess the truth

II. The fall of humanity into sin—the first human temptation

Gen 3: 1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

III. Victory over the 3 primary areas of human vulnerability

1Jo 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**Test 1: Use your resources in _____ and independent way-
Think and live only for yourself (lust- hunger)**

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do: for whatsoever things He does, these also does the Son likewise.

There is more to life than satisfying temporal desires—life is about truth (God's Word)

Test 2: Expect (demand) special treatment (_____)

The "liar's" it is written is twisted to force a false conclusion

We don't demand (test) God to do anything

**Test 3: Look at what you could have—don't you want it (lust of the eyes)
Only a small price to pay**

GET LOST! I will not give anyone what is God's alone.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Believe the truth-----Be yielded to the truth-----Confess the truth