

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 4:1-4

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### "TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?" – PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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#### 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. **:4** For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

**One of Those Great Strongholds is  
That Satan Desires To Get You to Not Believe in His Existence**

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## TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

**I.) *Temptation is Satan's weapon of choice***

**v.1-2**

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**and afterward - temptation is effective**

The word "afterward" implies Jesus was at the Brink of Physical Failure

satan comes to Jesus at the most difficult hour

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Jesus is Near to Death.

**But Note The Faithfulness of God, Combating Temptation**

*Verse 1*

**Then** Jesus, **being filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led **by the Spirit** into the wilderness,

Note This - Jesus was not led by the Spirit into the Wilderness Until...

**"being filled with the Holy Spirit"**

So Immediately we know that temptation and sin cannot be defended against without the Holy Spirit.

**As Our Example  
Hebrews 2:18**

For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Jesus suffered being tempted because of His purity being exposed to evil.  
we suffer being tempted because we're prone to its offer

***temptation is effective***

consider the garden of eden

**Genesis 3:6**

So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

**1 John 2:15-16**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

**1 John 2:15**

Do not love (stop loving it) the world or the **things** (actual and imagined) in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**1 John 2:16**

For all that *is* in the world  
the lust of **the flesh**, = flesh answers to: Luke 4:3

***Temptation is Satan's weapon of choice***

***b.) Why? - temptation is multifaceted***

consider the faces of temptation

For something to be Multifaceted, it is to be Attractive from Many Angles  
when satan shines his light of deception upon you,  
he does so thru a prism of color.

He Enhances Sin by Deception  
*(makes it look better than what it is)*

**he glorifies sin,  
to get you to sin, he must lure you in like a fish**

When You Go Fishing Make Sure You Don't Forget... The Bait

What Do We Put the Bait On? The Hook

**Temptation is the Bait - Sin is the Hook**

How Can We Catch a 1,000 lb. Shark?

Answer = with a little bit of bait and little sharp hook.

TEMPTATION BY ITS VERY NATURE  
proves mankind's spiritual heritage linking us back to the garden of Eden.

The Struggle Itself Proves That Something is Wrong  
(there's a war raging inside every human - and it's good)

If Evolution Were True, Then There Would Be No God, No Guilty Consciences,  
No Fear of Judgment

temptation will be unique to my strengths and weaknesses  
(yes - Satan attacks both, looking, searching, waiting for the day that my guard is down)

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. :10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Timothy 2:3-4**

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. :4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

he customizes temptation for me

he will super-size a temptation for me

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. :25 And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*. :26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. :27 But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

**Hebrews 12:1**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.

***Temptation is Satan's weapon of choice***

**c.) *Why? - temptation is contagious***

because we know truth from lie, right from wrong  
when we sin against the truth, what's right  
we go about trying to downplay our error.

**James 1:13-15**

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. :14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. :15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

WE GET OTHERS TO "GET DOWN" WITH US IN THE MIRE OF SIN

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So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. **She also gave it** to her husband with her, and he did eat.

if we can get someone else alongside us in our dilemma, then we're not  
alone in it, and then we can point our finger at the guy next to us when  
we get caught.

"Mike did it too"  
"Look, The Whole Office Went"  
"Everybody's Doing It"  
"I'm Only Human"

Satan Can Only Tempt You - That's All He Can Do!  
(truth be told - I want what he's offering me, and I want it now)

- It's Contagious - Satan Came Down with It,
  - He Barfed on Adam and Eve,
    - They Sneezed on Us,
  - and we cough on our kids...

**d.) Why? - temptation is destructive**

**Genesis 2:15-17**

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. :16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; :17 but

of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

### Genesis 3:7-11

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. :8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. :9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?" :10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." :11 And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

### Again Listen to

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## TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

### II.) *Temptation is Satan's Tone of Voice*

v.3

And **the devil said** to Him  
"If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread

### a.) *Satan says - doubt God*

v.3

And the devil said to Him... If You are the Son of God

### Verse 2

Satan Sees an Opportunity

:2 And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward,  
when they had ended, **He was hungry.**

This "If" is not a challenge as to who Jesus is  
This "If" is the word "Since" you are the Son of God

So Where's The Doubt Factor in This?  
"Since You're God the Son - Do Something About this Situation You're In"  
Take It Into Your Own Hands and Save Yourself,  
God the Father has Failed You.

# Step Outside The Will of God and Take Care If after All You Have the Power

## Verse 3

And **the devil said** to Him  
“If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread

### **Genesis 3:1-5**

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” :2 ¶ And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat 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 has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” :4 ¶ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. :5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

### The First Time Satan Talked

### The Second Time Satan Talked is Right Here

And The Next Time Satan Talks it will be Through the Anti-Christ

whenever the devil speaks, it's not going to be a good thing!

***Satan is a really good Devil***

### ***Temptation IS Satan's Tone of Voice***

***b.) Satan says - promote yourself***

***v.3***

And the devil said to Him, command this stone to become bread - (you can do it)

***temptation promises satisfaction,  
and no matter what kind or type of temptation it is,  
there will be an element that promises satisfaction.***

***c.) Satan says - accuse God***

**Genesis 3:11-14**

:11 And The Lord said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" :12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave (she's defective - you gave me the wrong woman) *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." :13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, (you made a defective serpent here - it's your fault) so I did eat." :14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, - ***there's no word from the serpent, apparently he didn't have a leg to stand on!***

**d.) Satan says - justify yourself**

## TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

**III.) Temptation is Satan's Master Plan**

**v.4**

But Jesus answered him, saying,  
"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God..."

**a.) So be ready - when Satan comes walking up**

### Notice What's Jesus' Weapon of Choice? The Bible

**Deuteronomy 8:3**

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that **man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.**

Know Your Bible  
are you in a situation? - What does the Bible say about your  
situation?  
Get Up and Do It !!!

It's Better to be Hungry and in the Will of God,  
Than Full and outside the Will of God.

what digestion is to the body,



meditation is to the soul!

## This is a Winnable War Christian!

finding out that you're in a battle is a very good thing.  
it could save your life

you can prepare for war...  
the two times that America has been attacked came as surprise attacks.

what does history teach us? - if you want to attack America,  
hit her when she's not looking

### 1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about...

## So we must target the source of temptation

he's walking about pedaling his narcotic lusts  
of false prophecies and cults and religions  
promising sexual exploits and victories  
granting wealth and prosperity  
offering you power and fame

### Luke 10:17-20

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."  
:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. :19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. :20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

## *Temptation is Satan's Master Plan*

***b.) So be on the offensive - while Satan is waiting***

## This is The Number One Reason Why Christians Fall into Defeat and Condemnation

(They're Asleep in the Middle of the War)

Perhaps the Greatest Battle that has Ever Been

**took place in the garden of gethsemane**

**Mark 14:37-40**

Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? :38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak." :39 Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. :40 And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

**Be On The Offensive;**

***So be on the offensive - while Satan is waiting***

**A Tragic Story of a Man Who Failed to Take the Offensive**

**Genesis 4:7**

If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door**; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

**Cut off temptation's supply line**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

**Cut Off Satan's Abilities by...**

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

Being sober, being vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. :9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

***Temptation is Satan's Master Plan***

**c.) *So be listening - for Satan to roar***

what does it sound like when satan roars like a lion?

Jack, that was a terrible thought you just had, God must be so unhappy with you.

in fact, God doesn't even want you to talk to Him He's so upset.

**Declare Victory Over Temptation**

**John 16:11**

...the ruler of this world is judged.

## You Can Because It's True

### **Romans 6:12-14**

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires. :13 Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God. :14 For sin shall no longer be your master, for you are no longer subject to the law, which enslaves you to sin. Instead, you are free by God's grace.

## **Because Now That I Can Declare Victory, Through Christ**

### **Romans 12:1-2**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

## What's My Authority to Declare Victory

### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

### **1 John 4:3-4**

and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. :4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

## ***Temptation is Satan's Master Plan***

***d.) Keep God's Word ever before you***

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#### **Psalm 119:11**

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

So Church, Starting Today,  
You Can Have Joy in the Midst of Temptation

**James 1:12**

Blessed (happy) *is* the man who endures (stays at it) temptation; for when he has been approved (consistent), he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

## Take The Offensive Against Temptation and Sin

**Romans 10:17**

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Ephesians 6:16**

above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

### ***Keep God's Word ever before you***

**Jesus Said... John 15:4-8**

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. :5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. :6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. :7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. :8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

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