

*“Resisting Temptation”*

Matthew 4:1-11

## **Hebrews 5:8,9**

“Although he was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation...”

“And even though Jesus was God’s Son, he had to learn from experience what it was like to obey, when obeying meant suffering.” (Living Bible)

Vs. 9 - In this way, God qualified Him as a perfect High Priest, and He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him.  
(New Living Translation)

## Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. (NLT)

*What will make me happy?*

*What will make me feel secure?*

*What will fulfill me?*

# I. The Tempter

## *A. His Reality*

**"The Devil, or Satan, is not a living being but  
is a symbol of evil."**

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## **2 Corinthians 2:10,11**

But one whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did it* for your sakes in the presence of Christ, so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

## **John 8:44**

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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# II. The Temptations of Jesus

*A. Stone to Bread*



## **Deuteronomy 8:3**

He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

## **Matthew 27:40**

“if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

## **Luke 9:23,24**

And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

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## Psalm 91:1-4

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my  
fortress,

My God, in whom I trust!”

For it is He who delivers you from the snare of  
the trapper

And from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with His pinions,

And under His wings you may seek refuge;

His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

## **Psalm 91:11**

For He will give His angels charge concerning  
you,

To guard you in all your ways.

They will bear you up in their hands,

That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

## **Deuteronomy 6:16**

You shall not put the Lord your God to the test,  
as you tested Him at Massah.

## **Exodus 17:7**

He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us, or not?”

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## Psalm 2:7,8

I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to Me, ‘You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You.

‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as

Your inheritance,

And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

## **Deuteronomy 6:13**

You shall fear only the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

## **Deuteronomy 5:7,8**

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God



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# III. The Temptations that We Face

**A. Bold-face Lies**

**B. An Invitation to Love the World.**

## **1 John 2:15,16**

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

## **1 John 2:17**

The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

