



Spiritual Warfare

The Battle of Satan & Jesus

Intro by Pastor Lutzer

Summary of Course So Far

1. The Two Kingdoms
2. Who Satan Is
3. The Fall of Man in the Garden, the promise of the seed of a redeemer, and the Curses.
4. Tonight we will look at the Temptations of Jesus.

Pastor Lutzer Intro: (Thank you Dr. Lutzer)

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What is Satan's Goal

• Satan's goal is to keep mankind separate from God

- From the beginning God has had a magnificent plan for human beings—to extend to us the gift of eternal life through Faith in Him.
- John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish** but have everlasting life
- 2 Cor. 4:4 - ³ And even if our **Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.**⁴ **The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel** that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (NIV)
- Mark 4:15 “**When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.**” (wayside soil)

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- **Satan's overall goal is to keep people from believing in the Gospel so they will perish (go to hell).** (false doctrines; human selfishness; temptations; etc.)

What is Satan's Goal

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be sober,
be vigilant; because
your **adversary** the
devil walks about like
a **roaring lion, seeking
whom he may
devour.**

- Satan is our Enemy

- Satan is seeking to destroy everyone.
- Satan accomplishes this by getting us to turn us away from God.

What are Satan's Tactics

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

¹⁰ Now whom you **forgive** anything, I also **forgive**. For if indeed I have **forgiven** anything, I have **forgiven** that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ **lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

- In the early church of Corinth, believers were not willing to receive back a man who confessed his sins in repentance.

•Unforgiveness & Resentment is a device of Satan

What are Satan's Tactics

Ephesians 6:11

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand against the SCHEMES (wiles) of the devil.**

- SCHEMES implies cleverness, cunning, crafty and deceptive methods to TEMPT us.
- We must be ALERT and have sharp spiritual senses

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Jesus Describes the Devil

- **John 8:44**

- ⁴⁴ **You are of your father the devil,** and the desires of your father you want to do.

- He was a **murderer** from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because **there is no truth in him.**

- When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for **he is a liar and the father of it.**

- People who deny Jesus are children of the Devil

- Satan is a Murderer

- Satan has NO TRUTH IN HIM

- Satan is a LIAR

- False prophets who speak 90% truth & 10% lies, are 100% Liars. Harry Ironside, Moody Church

Temptations of Jesus

- Mark 1 – Context – Baptism of Jesus
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqMX1caGRhk&list=PLcJVluhI8isJMzXK9iJ_UhJrcRu7lgtiN&index=1
- Matthew 4 – The First Cosmic Battle between Jesus & Satan occurs immediately after His Baptism
- Jesus will battle Satan throughout His ministry, most notably in the Garden of Gethsemane and ultimately at the Cross where Satan is totally defeated by Jesus for eternity.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TH7g82zD_s

Temptations

- Temptation is the biggest problem we have because it leads directly to sin.
- The very first event in Jesus' ministry immediately following His baptism is the temptations of Satan.
- Once saved (born again), you are now spiritually awake and the Spiritual Battle begins. Satan wants to limit your usefulness to God.
- God's principle is at the very time of spiritual highpoints in life is when attacks will be strongest.
- In moments of glory our defenses are down and Satan attacks – we must always “watch & pray” and “take heed lest we fall”.

Temptations of Jesus

- This wilderness passage is part of God's purpose to show us how to defeat Satan and resist temptations. Matt 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 & Luke 4:1-13
- While this passage demonstrates Jesus' authority and power over Satan, it also gives us an important teaching that Satan is real and dangerous, and how we can have victory in spiritual attacks from Satan in our own lives.
- Satan's main objective was to induce Christ to act from Himself, in disobedience to God's will (like the first Adam – Jesus is the “last Adam – 1 Cor. 15:45).
- Christ defeated Satan by means available to His followers – using and trusting in the Word of God (Bible scripture).
- Seems to be a principle of God's dealing with men that there is always a wilderness experience (i.e. Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, King Nebuchadnezzar)

Significance of 40 Days

- **“40 days in the wilderness”** - interesting that:
 - Moses (physical redeemer) waited 40 years before Exodus,
 - Moses fasted 40 days (Ex. 34:28; Deut 9:9),
 - Israel was tested in the Wilderness 40 years (Ex. 16:4-5),
 - Elijah fasted for “40 days & 40 nights” on Mount Horeb
 - Jesus was resurrected for 40 days prior to the Ascension (Acts 1:3);
 - 40 days of waiting after the flood for Noah;
 - 6 weeks to break a habit?
 - 40 seems to be the period of preparation for God’s purpose in many cases.
 - You can break out of the “wilderness” and into the “Promised Land” more quickly if you obey God, confess & repent of sin, keep the faith and surrender your will to Jesus. (see Spiritual Journey chart on website “Learning Resources”)

1st Temptation

Turn Stones to Bread



Lust of the Eyes/Flesh
(not trusting God to keep Him alive)

1st Temptation – Turn Stones to Bread

Matthew 4:1-11

- ¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted by the devil**.

• God never temps, but He uses Satan to serve His purposes. James 1:13-14

- ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward **He was hungry**.

• **Jesus prepared for battle by Fasting**

- ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, **“If** You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

• Satan’s tactic was to tempt Jesus when He was weak and **Hungry**

• **“if”** means **“since”** – Satan had no doubt who Jesus was! (“even the demons believe” James 2:19)

• Satan tried to get Jesus to obey his request rather than the Father

1st Temptation – Turn Stones to Bread

Matthew 4:1-11

- ⁴ But **He answered** and said, **“It is written,**
- **‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”**

- All 3 of Jesus’ replies are from Deut.

- Jesus quotes **Deut. 8:3** when God allowed Israel to hunger so that He might feed them with manna and teach them to trust Him to provide for them.

Practical Lesson for US

If you are in a weakened state - Be on-guard!

- Lack of sleep
- Hunger
- Stress (emotional)

- When times are tough, we will be most susceptible to be tempted to sin (i.e. angry outbursts, not being gentle or loving, doing something of the world such as drinking, gambling, watching something we shouldn't)
- These are the times Satan will be most likely to attack.
- **Remove yourself from situations temporarily where you are at risk of sin.** i.e. Go to bed and get some rest, eat, read a passage of your Bible or pray alone. Trust God, not yourself.

2nd Temptation

Jump off High Place & Let Angels Save You



Lust of the Flesh & Power

2nd Temptation – Jump & Let Angels Save You

Matthew 4:1-11

- ⁵ Then **the devil took Him** up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ **and said** to Him, “**If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:**
- ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”
- ⁷ **Jesus said to him, “It is written again,** ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ” ←

• Satan’s knows Scripture! (Ps. 91:11-12)

• Devil TWISTS Scripture to replace the meaning of trusting God to trusting Satan

• 2 Peter 3:15-16 “...Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, ... in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.*”

• Jesus Quotes Scripture & Resists the Devil!

(Deut. 6:16 – refers to Israelites demanding Moses to produce water)

Practical Lesson for US

- The Devil will tempt us to engage in activities that test God and test our faith.
 - Demanding God to provide a miracle for you to prove He is real, rather than trusting Him.
 - Arguing with unbelievers over Bible doctrine surrounding controversial society issues to trap you.
 - Taking unnecessary chances in life because you make decisions without prayer that test God when you don't have to.

Only One Area You can Test God In: Tithes

- Malachi 3:10 “**Bring all the tithes** into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, **And try Me now in this,**” Says the LORD of hosts, “**If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*”**

3rd Temptation

You Can be the Ruler of the World



PRIDE

(do things the easy way without suffering)

How Did Satan Try to Tempt Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

- ⁸ Again, the **devil took Him** up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, **“All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”**
- ¹⁰ **Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”**
- ¹¹ **Then the devil left Him**, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

• Satan is the “ruler of this world” & “god of this age” and the world is in his power. (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4)

• Jesus Commands Satan to Flee

• Quotes Deut. 6:13

Practical Lesson for US

- **Can people actually make a deal with the Devil to sell their soul for Riches and Power?**

- **Yes**

- **Never make decisions that are not glorifying to God in exchange for material things or prideful lusts.**

- Satan always tempts us with desires for **FAME & FORTUNE**, but they will come at a high Cost.
- **Social Media** is one of Satan's latest & greatest schemes for tempting people to acquire this.

Story of Blues Singer Robert Johnson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=PUK1P5x9Xak&feature=emb_title

Satan's Tactics - Jesus vs Adam & Eve

- In both the Wilderness and the Garden Satan altered God's Words, twisting them in an effort to confuse and deceive. Satan appealed to:

<u>Temptation</u>	<u>Genesis 3</u>	<u>Matthew 4</u>	<u>1 John 2:16</u>
1. Physical Appetite	You may eat of any tree.	You may eat by changing stones to Bread	Lust of the Eyes
2. Personal Gain	You will not Die	You will not hurt Your foot	Lust of the Flesh
3. Power	You will be like God	You will have all the world's Kingdoms	Pride of Life

Big Picture – Satan’s Strategy, Jesus’ Victory

- Satan’s main objective was to induce Christ to act from Himself, in disobedience to God’s will
- Christ defeated Satan by means available to His followers – **Trusting in the Word of God**
- **He denied His will and obeyed the Father’s will, just as in the Garden of Gethsemane**
- **Passion of Christ, Garden of Gethsemane**
 - <https://youtu.be/1Rmv1PmL6q0?t=72>

Ask God For Help

- Once saved, we receive the Holy Spirit and Jesus' experience demonstrates that this is when Spiritual Attacks will be their strongest.
- Ask God to keep your spiritual senses sharp and your eyes open to the enemy's schemes.
- Ask God to help you stand firm in the Truth of the Word in your own life to defeat the Devil's schemes.
- Pray for others who you see Satan attacking. They may not be able to discern the schemes or fight the attacks on their own.
- Practice being in the presence of God – Brother Lawrence <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQS9mbXJ5UU>

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

- **Focus on prayer, reading the Word and separation** from people and places where Satan will be there to tempt you.
- **Get Right With God (everyday)** - Confess and repent of sinful thoughts & actions every day and ask God to forgive you, because “if there is sin in your heart, the Lord will not hear you” Psalm 66:18
- **Keep your eyes on Jesus, not on the waves** – it’s a moment by moment experience.
- Hebrews 12:2 “**looking unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of *our faith*...”
- **If you forget everything else, just Remember to Trust in Jesus, and know that the Battle is not yours, it’s Gods!**
- Matthew 14:22-36 - Jesus and Peter Walk on the Water
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQNY7ALnq0I&list=PLcJVluhI8isJJgv2R7PgPTFK5hpZSwckj&index=24>