

The Devil's Attacks Luke 4:1-13

I. The Devil's Attacks are Strategic (vs. 1-4)

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. ³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'**"

A. Attacks our Will (vs. 3-4)

Parallel Text:

Deuteronomy 8:1-3: "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. ² And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 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."

II. The Devil's Attacks are Relentless (vs. 5-12)

⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, "**Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'**" ⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

‘He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you,’

¹¹ and,

‘In their *hands they shall bear you up,*
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, “**It has been said, ‘*You shall not tempt the LORD your God.*’**”

A. Attacks our Devotion (vs. 5-8)

- 1. The Devil’s Show**
- 2. The Devil’s Promise**
- 3. The Devil’s Condition**

Parallel Text:

Deuteronomy 6:13: “You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.”

B. Attacks our Understanding (vs. 9-12)

Parallel Text:

Psalms 92:11-12: “For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.¹² In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

Deuteronomy 6:16: “You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted *Him* in Massah”

III. The Devil’s Attacks are Vincible (v. 13)

¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Parallel Text:

James 4:7: Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.