

**“Full of the Holy Spirit, Tempted By the Devil”**

*Sermon Notes*

- **Perfect help is yours from Jesus Christ in every temptation you face, because he’s already faced them and resisted perfectly**

*-Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16*

1. On this earth, the \_\_\_\_\_-led life will consistently encounter intense \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ often baits his hooks with three favorite lures:
  - a.) Who will \_\_\_\_\_? (vv.3-4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b.) Who will \_\_\_\_\_? (vv.5-8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c.) Who will \_\_\_\_\_? (vv.9-12)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Live every last day of your life in the power of the \_\_\_\_\_, because the \_\_\_\_\_ is the consummate \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13-15)

**Next Week: Luke 4:16-30 - “Is This Not Joseph’s Son?”**

**Community Group Study Guide**  
For the Week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

**Please read Luke 4:1-15.**

1. This episode is one of a handful of appearances by Satan in the text of Scripture (others include Job 1-2; Zechariah 3; 1 Chronicles 21:1, Revelation 12-13, and Rev 20).
  - a. What is it about Jesus that has attracted Satan's attention? (See verses 3, 9, and Luke 3:22).
  - b. What are the implications of Jesus' title as "Son of God"? (See Psalm 2:7-9)
  - c. Why would this be a threat to Satan? (See John 12:31)
  - d. Who initiates the confrontation between Jesus and Satan? (See verse 1)
  - e. What does Satan have that had been given to man (See Genesis 1:28), but lost? (See Genesis 9:2; Ephesians 6:12)
  - f. Is what Satan has taken to be reclaimed by Jesus as God, or man? Please explain.
  
2. Jesus fasted in the wilderness for forty days prior to this confrontation (see verse 2).
  - a. Do you think this has anything to do with the forty years that the Israelites wandered in the desert? (See Numbers 14:34) If so, what?
  - b. Moses fasted for forty days when he received the ten commandments (See Exodus 34:28). Do you think there is a connection? If so, what?
  - c. Elijah fasted in the wilderness for forty days before his encounter with God on Sinai (See 1 Kings 19:8). Do you think there is a connection? If so, what?
  - d. What are the effects of fasting? Is someone who has been fasting well-prepared for confrontation? Please explain. Who must Jesus rely upon for strength? (See Psalm 109:21-24)
  - e. As a man, what must Jesus do to reclaim mankind's lost birthright? (See Philippians 2:7-8)
  
3. In his first temptation, Satan appeals to Jesus' hunger. (See verse 3)
  - a. Did Jesus have the power to turn the stone into bread? Please explain. (See Luke 3:8; 9:10-17)
  - b. Jesus responds to Satan's temptation by quoting Scripture. (See Deuteronomy 8:1-3) Does this change your opinion of whether or not there a connection between Jesus' 40 day fast and the wilderness wandering of the Israelites? Please explain.
  - c. Is the weapon used by Jesus in his struggle with the Devil available to us today? (See

Ephesians 6:17)

4. In his second temptation, Satan offers to endow Jesus with earthly authority.

- a. Do you think that the second temptation was some sort of vision, or does he view the kingdoms of the world physically? Please explain.
- b. From what high place might Jesus have seen in an instant all the kingdoms of the world? If there is no such place, does this mean that the event never really happened? Please explain.
- c. Does Satan have the power to grant authority on earth to a man? Why or why not. (See Revelation 13:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2)
- d. Is the authority that Satan offers something that Jesus is entitled to anyway? Please explain (See Philippians 2:10-11; Daniel 7:14; Matthew 28:18)
- e. What is the advantage of the plan Satan has outlined? (See Acts 2:32-36)
- f. What is the disadvantage of the plan Satan has proposed? (See 1 Corinthians 2:6)
- g. Jesus' response is again from Deuteronomy (See Deuteronomy 6:10-15). Who is the ultimate source of the authority that Satan offers?
- h. What must be done to receive our inheritance in God's way? (See Luke 9:23)

5. In the third temptation, Satan proves himself to be a student of Scripture, quoting from Psalm 91:11-12.

- a. Do you think Psalm 91 is about the Messiah? Why or why not? (See Psalm 22; Luke 9:22)
- b. Were God's angels able to protect Jesus from physical harm? (See Luke 4:29-30)
- c. Jesus again responds with a quote from Deuteronomy (See Deuteronomy 6:15). What happened at Massah, when the Israelites put the Lord to the test? (See Exodus 17:1-7)
- d. When does faith become presumption?
- e. In Jesus' response, who is it that is not to put the Lord to the test? Jesus? Satan? Both? Who is to be tested here? Please explain.
- f. Do you think that at this point, Satan discovers something about who he is up against?

6. Matthew lists the same set of three temptations, but in a different order. (Matthew 4:1-11)

- a. Were Matthew or Luke present to witness the temptations? Who knew in what chronological order they occurred?
- b. Assuming that Luke arranged the temptations in the order that he did to make a point, what

point is he making?

c. Does the climax of the temptation at the temple rather than at a mountain have significance for Luke? Please explain.

d. Later, Jesus will face death in Jerusalem, do you think Satan is encouraging him to hasten the process rather than suffering on a cross? Why or why not?

e. Does Jesus overcome the Devil through the power of the Spirit? Or through the words of Scripture? Please explain.

f. In Matthew, Jesus commands Satan to depart, while in Luke, it seems he leaves of his own accord. Do you think this has something to do with the order in which the temptations have been presented? Which do you think reflects the chronological order, Matthew's or Luke's account. Please explain your answer.

7. Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at his baptism (see Luke 3:22), and full of the Spirit when he is led into the wilderness (See verse 1). Jesus returns "in the power of the Spirit.." (verse 14).

a. Is the power of the Spirit distinct from Spirit-anointing and Spirit-filling? (See Luke 4:36; 5:17; 8:46; 24:29; Acts 1:8; 10:38) If so, how?

b. Can we expect to be anointed by the Spirit? Filled with the Spirit? Empowered by the Spirit? Please explain.