

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

With Jesus in Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13; James 4:7

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A Dm $\frac{Am}{D}$ Dm Am $\frac{Am}{G}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Gm⁹ B \flat

1. The Fa - ther's chos - en child, His treas - ure and His
2. Soon hun - gers come to call As weak - ness grows with -
3. The way is long and hard, And all seems in - se -
4. The Tempt - er holds the prize One com - pro - mise a -
5. Re - sist when first you hear Sin's charm - ing call with -

Asus A Dm Dsus Am B \flat $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ B \flat B \flat

own, Is driv - en by the Spir - it's lead, Is driv - en in - to
in. Look up to God when need is great, Look up to God and
cure. Don't come to God with loud de - mands But sim - ply trust your
way. Still look to God. Don't turn a - side! The road to death is
in. Draw close to God, and He draws near. Draw close - your Lord is

Dm $\frac{Cadd9}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{Dsus}{G}$ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Asus A Dm

deep - est need. His help is God a - lone.
hum - bly wait. Put all your hope in Him.
Fa - ther's hands. His grip is kind and sure.
smooth and wide. With Je - sus watch and pray.
al - ways here. Just keep your eyes on Him.

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TOPICS: Holiness; Life of Christ; Living in Christ; Temptation

LEAD-IN: *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*
(Luke 4:1-2, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" [Deuteronomy 8:3]

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" [Deuteronomy 6:13]

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" [Psalm 91:11-12]

Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" [Deuteronomy 6:16]

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. (Luke 4:1-13, NIV)

The Heavenly Father drove His own beloved Son, with Whom He was thoroughly pleased, into the desert alone, for 40 days without food, to be tempted by His bitter enemy, Satan, who wanted only Jesus' destruction.

How different is our Heavenly Father's treatment of His children compared to us human parents! We do anything we can to spare our children unpleasant circumstances. The Father, knowing what is best for us and how much we can bear, regularly exposes His children to various types of pressure and need. We tend to focus on our children's temporary comfort and preferences. Our

Father focuses on our character and eternal well-being. We shouldn't squirm or complain like selfish children when He puts us through difficult-but-necessary preparations for His service.

Here Satan tried to turn Jesus away from His Father. Knowing that the key to Jesus' power was His relationship with His Father, Satan tried to separate them. He tried to turn Jesus toward His own needs.

Jesus stayed focused on His Father. In His responses to Satan, He always spoke of the Father's will. That was His constant concern.

That is also our key in temptation. When you first sense Satan's approach, turn to your Father. Ask for His provision, His will, and His glory. Nothing can shake you if you depend on Him.

*I have set the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.
(Psalm 16:8, NIV)*

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