



“The Temptation of Jesus”

Part 3

Luke 4:5-8

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1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness

2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.

3 **And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."**

4 **And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"**

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Satan does 3 things:

1. **"led Him up"** – they ascended upward.

Matt 4:8

8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;

2. **"showed Him all the kingdoms of the world"**

- No mountain high enough to do this – to see Greece, Rome, Egypt.
 - But a high vantage point was needed to allow a large enough area for display.
 - Satan produces some kind of vision over a large area.
 - 3. **"in a moment of time"**
- "moment"** – στιγμή – to make a quick puncture or mark with a hot iron.
- Indicates something done in a flash. Extremely brief.

- This incident gives us some indication into the supernatural power of Satan.

2 **Thess 2:8-10**

8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, **with all power and signs and false wonders,**

10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

Rev 13:1.1-16

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.

12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

13 **He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.**

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

15 And it was given to him **to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak** and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Rev 16:13-14

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;
14 for they are spirits of demons, **performing signs**, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

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- This is the ultimate, "Let's make a deal."
- The offer from Satan:
"I'll give you RIGHT NOW the authority and the jurisdiction over all these kingdoms in their splendor."
• So the real question is, "Can he do that?" "Does he own them?"
• We sing, "This is my Father's world." Does the Devil own anything that he can give away?
• To answer that let's look at the history of Satan . . .

Satan's fall from heaven -

- *the principle of double reference*

1st reference:

Isaiah - King of Babylon
Ezekiel – King of Tyre

2nd reference

Satan

The ruling power behind the Kings of Babylon and Tyre is Satan.

Isa 14:12-15

12 "How you have **fallen from heaven**,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!
13 "But you said in your heart,
'I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the **mount of assembly**
In the recesses of the north.
14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.'
15 "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol,
To the recesses of the pit.

Ezek 28:12-15

12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, "Thus says the Lord God,
"You had the seal of **perfection**, Full of wisdom and **perfect** in beauty.
13 "**You were in Eden**, the **garden** of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On **the day that you were created** They were prepared.
14 "You were the **anointed cherub** who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the **holy mountain of God**; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 "You were **blameless** in your ways From the day **you were created** **Until unrighteousness** was found in you.

6 *And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.*

Adam and Eve

- God creates the world and then creates man.
- God gives man rulership and dominion over the earth.
- When man fell into sin, man handed over the rulership of this world to Satan. Satan usurped man's authority.

usurper

(yoō-sûrp', -zûrp')v. **u-surped, u-surp-ing, u-surps**

v.tr.1. To seize and hold (the **power** or rights of another, for

example) by force or without legal authority.

2. To take over or occupy without right:

usurp a neighbor's land.

3. To take the place of (another) without legal authority; supplant.
To seize another's place, authority, or possession wrongfully.

Eph 2:1-2

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air**,

2 Cor 4:3-4

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4 in whose case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1 John 5:19

19 We know that we are of God, and that **the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

Acts 26:17-18

17 rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,
18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from **the dominion of Satan** to God,

John 18:36

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

John 12:31

31 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the **ruler of this world** will be cast out.

John 14:30

30 "I will not speak much more with you, for the **ruler of the world** is coming, and he has nothing in Me;

John 16:8-11

8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;

11 and concerning judgment, because the **ruler of this world** has been judged.

Satan will delegate his authority to the Antichrist –

Rev 13:2-4

2 And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

There are only 2 kingdoms that exist –

1. The kingdom of darkness ruled by Satan.

2. The kingdom of light ruled by God.

*That's it – there are no others. All nations, governments, political entities, cultures, societies are in and under the kingdom of darkness ruled by Satan and permeated with sin and evil.

*2 things restrain: 1. Holy Spirit. 2. Moral law on men's hearts.

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- Now we have the second half of the deal.
"if" – 3rd class conditional if – "maybe you will and maybe you won't worship before me."
- Notice how short this part of the deal is. First half sounds so enticing.
- Satan craves and lusts for power. This is like his fall from heaven. He wants to be worshiped.
- That's why he concocts and invents all of the religions of the world. They indirectly worship him because he created them. Idols are run by demons.

1 Cor 10:19-20

19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

3. Therefore if Jesus worships the Devil, Jesus would:

1. Give up being the Son of God.
2. No longer be a part of the Trinity.
3. Would commit a sin of gigantic proportions.
4. Would become a Satan worshiper.
5. Would become an idolater.
6. Would disqualify Himself to die on the cross for the sins of mankind.
7. Would not be able to save anyone from judgment and eternal Hell.

Dan 7:13-14

13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.
14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

- if you think about it, this is absolutely insane.

4 reasons why:

1. **Satan has nothing to give.** He rules a system of greed, power, selfishness, ambition, force, immorality, wickedness, sinful pleasure. He is a renter, a usurper. It is only temporal. He owns nothing. Illustration: Someone has seized control illegally of a manufacturing plant by deceiving the CEO and replacing him with himself. He offers the control of the plant back to the owner. However the matter will be settled in court in the future when the legal right to the control of the plant will go back to the owner.
2. **God is the one who puts rulers in places of power.** He has placed Satan in this place, over this world, but only for a short time, compared to eternity.

Dan 2:21

21 "It is He who changes the times and the epochs;
He removes kings and establishes kings;

4. Jesus will eventually rule it all in the Millennium.

Ps 2:7-8

7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to Me, 'You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You.

8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

Isa 9:6-7

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

And the government will rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness

From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

So then why would this be enticing to Jesus?

- To escape the past and present.
- As a shortcut to avoid suffering and the cross.
- Jesus is headed for the throne and now He can bypass the cross.

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- Here is another passage from Israel spending 40 years in wilderness.
- God is the one Who has provided everything, therefore don't fall into idolatry. Don't be tempted by idols.
- But they did.
- God alone is to be worshiped and rightfully so. Satan is a creature.

Rom 1:24-25

24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and **worshiped and served the creature** rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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- Jesus takes Satan right back to the Word. Believer's resource to resist temptation.

Deut 6:10-15

10 "Then it shall come about when the Lord your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build,

11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied,

12 then watch yourself, that you do not forget the Lord who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

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

14 "You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,

15 for the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the Lord your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

"To worship God
is to humble
everything about
ourselves and
EXALT EVERYTHING
ABOUT HIM."

- Bob Kauflin