

The Temptation Of Jesus - Part 2

Matthew 4:5-7

Intro:

- A. **Jesus has been led by the Spirit into the wilderness.**
 - 1. He has been publicly identified as Messiah.
 - 2. He is to be tested by Satan.

- B. **The first temptation had to do with priorities.**
V.3
 - 1. "If thou be the Son of God"
 - 2. "turn these stones to bread"
 - 3. Jesus answered, vs.4, he knew that men do not live because they eat bread only but they must obey the commandments that issue from God's mouth.

I. Jesus And Sensationalism.

- A. **"Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple."**
 - 1. setteth = ιστημι = "to cause to stand"
 - 2. pinnacle = περυγιον = "a wing running out to point, hence a pinnacle."
 - 3. "...and had Him stand on the tip-top turret of the temple." - Wms.

- B. **The temptation. V.6**
 - 1. "If thou be the Son of God"
 - 2. cast = βαλλω = "to fall down", "to cast down"
 - 3. "He shall give his angels charge concerning thee.
 - 4. charge = εντελλομαι = "to enjoin upon," "to charge with", "to command".
 - 5. "He has commanded His angels to look after you" - Nor

- C. **"...and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."**
 - 1. dash = προσκοπτω = "to strike against:"

2. "So that you may never strike your foot against a stone." - NEB
3. "And they will lift you up with their hands." - Gspd

D. **The Old Testament Scriptures.**

1. Psalm 91:9-13
2. The problem of incorrect interpretation.
3. Incorrect Bible interpretation is the reason for most heresy and unscriptural groups.
4. It is true that you can prove or approve anything you want to do by twisting the scriptures.
5. This was not a promise to be used to prove God!

II. The Reply Of Jesus.

A. **"Jesus said unto him, It is written again..." v.7**

1. written = γραφω = to grave or cut
2. "yes, retorted Jesus, and Scripture also says" - Phi

B. **"thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."**

1. tempt = εκπειραζω = "to try out," "try thoroughly"
2. To tempt God is to put God in a bind or a dilemma so that He has to do what one wants.
3. God doesn't want you to test Him!
4. Tithing was a command to the Jews. It was an act of obedience that God had covenanted to bless. Malachi 3:8-11
5. We are not under this covenant. We are as Jesus was. Our faith is seen in our obedience to God in suffering. Joshua 23:10 - **"one man of you shall chase a thousand."**

C. **The Old Testament Scripture.**

1. Deuteronomy 6:16
2. The Israelites tempted God. They were thirsty and they questioned God's plan for them. God had a plan. He would have provided. Exodus 17:1-7

3. The same occurred 40 years later. Numbers 20:1-11. This time it is Merebah. Massah and Merebah, Exodus 17:7 - Massah = "proving", Merebah = "strife." We do not, we must not prove God. We must trust God. People don't love God who put him to the test, they are said to "hate" Him! Psalm 81:10-16 (walked in their own counsel) v.15
4. Jesus did not intend to make the mistake of Israel or Moses!

D. **Paul used it as a warning to the churches.**

1. Hebrews 3:7-12
2. Don't test God, trust God.