

The Temptation Of Jesus - Part 3

Matthew 4:8-11

Intro:

- A. **Jesus has been tempted to put Himself before obedience to God.**
 - 1. "If thou be the Son of God..."
 - 2. "command that these stones be made bread..."
V.3
 - 3. "it is written" v.4

- B. **He has also been tempted to indulge in sensationalism by putting God to the test.**
 - 1. "if thou be the Son of God..."
 - 2. "cast thyself down", (from the pinnacle)
 - 3. "it is written"

I. The Temptation To Worship For Gain.

- A. **"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;"**
v.8
 - 1. showeth = δεικνυμι = "to show"
 - 2. glory = δοξα = "brightness," "splendor."
 - 3. "and pointed out to him" - Rhm. "all the realms of the world and their grandour." - Mof.

- B. **"And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." V.9**
 - 1. "Every bit of this I will give to you" - Wms
 - 2. falling down = πιπτω = "to fall down"
 - 3. worship = προσκυνεω = "to do obeisance," "to prostrate oneself before a person and kiss his feet."

II. The Reply Of Jesus.

- A. **"Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence Satan:"** v.10
 - 1. "Go away, devil" - Beck

2. This is the first time Jesus has stated an open rebuke.
 3. Satan = Σατανα = "the Greek form of Hebrew for the adversary." Jesus identifies His enemy as being God's adversary of the Old Testament, not simply, the accuser as in the other two replies.
- B. **"...for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."**
1. worship = προσκυνεω = (see B-3)
 2. serve = λατρευω = "to serve, as in religious service"
- C. **The Old Testament statement.**
1. Deuteronomy 6:13
 2. This was spoken as a warning to Israel. They would prosper greatly in the Promised Land. Deuteronomy 6:10-11. They were to beware lest they forget God and turn to someone or something else and worship it or them. They forgot His warning and worshipped other gods.
 3. "I will give you these kingdoms, only forget God and worship me", said Satan.
 4. Prosperity has been the ruin of many people and nations.
- D. **Jesus will eventually have all nations.**
1. Psalm 2:8
 2. The Lord refused the ruler ship of the world because it was not time.
- E. **There were things that He must do.**
1. He must live in poverty and sorrow.
 2. He must call out a people.
 3. He must ordain an institution.
 4. He must be crucified.
 5. He must be buried and rise again.
 6. He must be the captain of many
 7. He must prepare a place.
- F. **The so-called Dominion Gospel is of Satan.**
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 2. Happy Caldwell, Agape church pastor.
 3. Trinity Broadcasting Network.
 4. Paul and Jan Crouch.

III. This Temptation Ends.

A. **"Then the devil leaveth him..." v.11**

1. devil = διαβολος = "the accuser."
2. leaveth = αφημι = "to depart"
3. "Then the Devil left Him alone" - TCNT

B. **"and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."**

1. angels = αγγελος = "messenger".
2. minister = διακονεω = "they began to serve Him."
3. "and continued to wait upon Him" - Wms

