

Committed To Ministry When Facing Temptation

Luke 4:1-13

Introduction:

- Temptation in Ministry
- The Impeccability of Christ (Heb 4:15)
 - The issue is either 1) Jesus *would* not sin or 2) Jesus *could* not sin
- The Timing Of Temptation (Jesus' Baptism – Lk 3:21; Mt 3:13-17)
- The Items Of Temptation
- The Response To Temptation: Jesus responded to temptation with God's Word

I. When Tempted To Act Independently From God, Obey God's Word (1-4)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led 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 were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.' "

II. When Tempted Towards Easier Or Earlier Success, Don't Empower An Idol (5-8)

⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

III. When Tempted Towards Prestige, Don't Test God (9-13)

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, " 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' ¹¹ and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' " ¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Conclusion:

- Independence: Resist the temptation to live apart from God.
- Power: Waiting and working are virtues of worship.
- Prestige: Testing God makes us superior to Him.

Discussion:

- How could Jesus be tempted if He couldn't sin?
- Why is independence from God a sin?
- What are some of the ways we put God to a test?