

The Temptations of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of
Matthew

Jesus The Messiah King

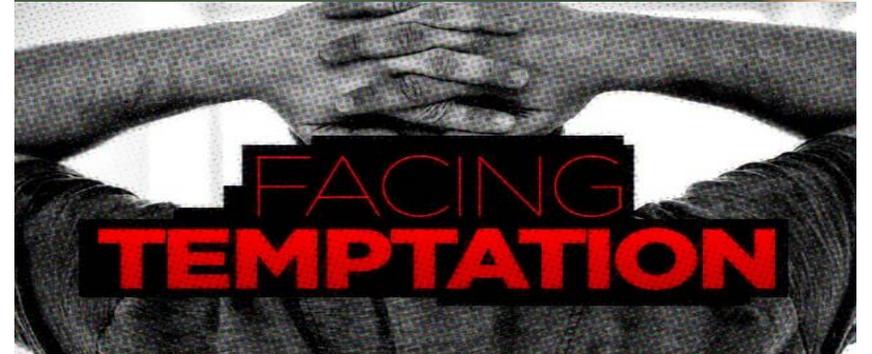
Temptations in His Kingdom

**We are all subject
to temptations**

1 Corinthians 10:13

*'No temptation has seized you
except what is common to man.'*

***A Test of Our Knowledge,
Trust and Obedient to God***



Jesus was tempted by the devil

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit
into the wilderness to be
tempted by the devil.*

The Spirit at Work

**Testing to become
A Servant King
Not A Ruler King**



A person with long dark hair, wearing a brown robe, stands in a body of water with their arms outstretched. The water is splashing around them. In the background, there are dark hills under a bright blue sky. A bright, glowing light emanates from the sky, centered above the person's head, creating a halo effect. The overall scene is dramatic and spiritual.

***“This is my Son whom I love,
with whom I am well please.”***

Matthew 3:13-17

Baptism of Jesus

“To fulfil all righteousness”

A Supernatural Fast led by the Spirit

² After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

A Divine Assignment Temptations of Christ and Adam

Garden vs. Desert

Plenty vs. Scarcity

Disobedient vs. Obedient



First Temptation **Physical Deprivation**

³ The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

**A challenge of Identity
and Security in God**
*Will God provide food
for His Son?*

**When hungry and
thirsty on the cross**



Jesus defended himself with the Word of God

*⁴ Jesus answered, ‘It is written:
“Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.”’*

Jesus quoted Deut. 8:3

*God who provided manna
will surely feed you*

***But Spiritual feeding of
His word are more important***



Second Temptation

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple.

⁶ 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down.

Another challenge on identity, security, and trust

Will God protect your life?

Death on the Cross



Satan quoted Ps. 91:11-12 **to challenge Jesus**

***For it is written:** “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”*

He missed out the verse
‘to guard you in all your ways’

God promised both
protection and prevention



Jesus Quoted Deut. 6:16
for his defend

⁷ Jesus answered him,

*‘It is also written: “Do not put
the Lord your God to the test.”’*

No need to test God!

As the Israelites did at Massah

Exodus 17



Third Temptation

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

Whom do you worship?

God, Satan, or the world?



Worship God and Serve Him Only!

¹⁰ *Jesus said, 'Away from me, Satan!
For it is written:*

*"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve him only."*

Jesus quoted Deut. 6:13

*Moses reminded the people
of the golden calf*

**Jesus gave his heart allegiance
completely to God alone**



Jesus Defeated Satan by the Spirit's Power

***11 Then the devil left him, and
angels came and attended him.***

**He set his eyes resolutely
on God and the Cross**

His identity and security are in God

Trusts God fully to provide and protect

***Gives his heart allegiance
completely to God***



Are you facing temptations?

For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:16

We can overcome temptations
*By The Power of the Spirit,
His Love, and His Word*

Trust God! Do not doubt Him!



Power of the Spirit

**Temptations are part of the
Spirit-led kingdom life**

***God's divine assignment
to strengthen us***





*We are His children
whom He loves*

Power of His Love

**Our Identity and
Security are in God**

Trust Him!

He Provides and Protects

Power of His Word

“It is written x3...”

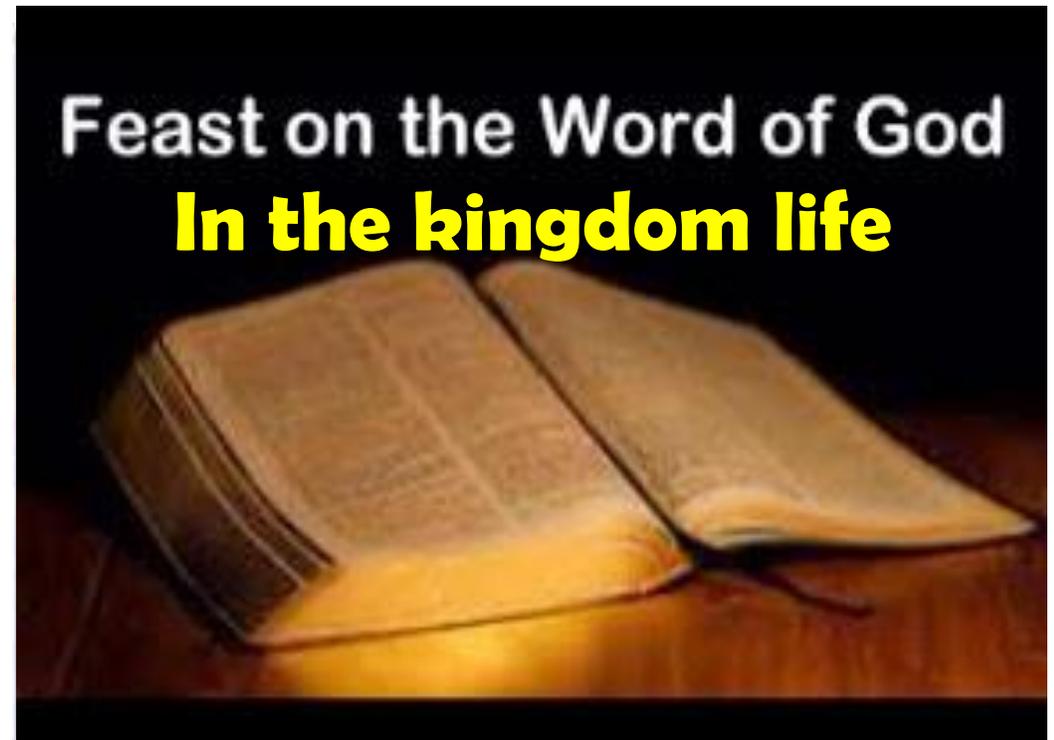
**The Work we have
to do is Belief**

**The Food we need
is His word**

Makes us strong in the Lord

The sword of the Spirit

The Word is the Guide



Feast on the Word of God
In the kingdom life

Love and Worship God and Serve Him Only

***Give our heart
allegiance
completely to Him***

***Go for Christ' Kingdom
Not the Temporal
Worldly Kingdom***



Trust and Obey!