

WHEN THE TEMPTER CAME

MATTHEW 4

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³ And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Introduction:

This story took place right after Jesus had been baptized by John the Baptist, and He was visited by the Spirit of God.

To have victory over temptation we need to do exactly as Jesus did.

1. FOLLOW THE SPIRIT

(Mat 4:1) "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."

2. FIGHT WITH SCRIPTURE

(Mat 4:4) "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

(Mat 4:7) "Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

(Mat 4:10) "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

A. The Word of God is powerful

(Heb 4:12) "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

3. FIRMLY STAND

(Eph 6:10-13) "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. {11} Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. {12} For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. {13} Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

4. FAMILIAR OF SELF

(1 John 2:16) "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

A. Lust of the flesh (Vs 3)

(Gal 5:16) "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

B. Pride of life (Vs 6)

(Prov 29:23) "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit."

C. Lust of the eyes (Vs 9)

(Exo 20:17) "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."