

Jesus' Response: Jesus again rebuked the devil and answered (V8) *"It is written, 'Worship the LORD your God, and serve Him only. (Quoted from Deut 6:13; 10:20)*

### **Temptation No. 3: The Pride of Life**

Vs 9 *"The devil led him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple"*

Devil's Offer : Vs 9b - 11 *"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning you, To guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands; so that you will not strike your foot against a stone' (quoted from Ps. 91:11 & 12).*

- Jesus tempted to show off His role as Son of God
- Satan knows Scripture and can twist it to mislead us

Jesus' Response : Vs 12 *"It says, 'Do not put the LORD your God to the test.' "* (Quoted from Dt 6:16)

### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

- **God's promise** : 1 Cor 10:13 *"And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."*
- **Offensive weapon** : Eph 6:17 *"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."*
- **Memorise God's Word** : Jesus uses God's Word to counter the three temptations of Satan. Psalm 119:11 says, *"Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."*
- **Know God's Word** - Read the Bible
- **Temptation will continue** - Vs 13 *"When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time."* But the good news is, *"The one who is in you [Holy Spirit] is greater than the one who is in the world [the devil]"* (1 John 4:4).

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## **THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS (Luke 4 : 1-13 )**

### **1. WHAT IS TEMPTATION?**

Temptation is the enticement to sin, the proposal of Satan to us to go beyond God's boundaries

### **2. JESUS BEING LED INTO THE WILDERNESS**

Vs 1 *"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil."* God allows temptation to strengthen our faith

### **3. THE TEMPTATIONS**

Vs 1b *"He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry"*. Fasting allows us to refocus our minds on God and the spiritual matters in our lives rather than just the physical things such as food.

#### **Temptation No. 1 – The Lust of the Flesh**

*"The devil said to him, If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread" (Luke 4:3).*

- Tempting Jesus to exercise His divine authority without regard to God's will for Him
- Devil takes advantage of human weaknesses

Jesus' Response : Vs 4 *"It is written, 'Man does not live on bread alone.'*

- More important to obey God's Word

#### **Temptation No. 2: The Lust of the Eyes**

Vs 5 *"The devil led Him to Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world"*

Devil's Offer: Vs 6 -7 *"I will give You all their authority and splendor; for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if You worship me, it will all be Yours"*

- Tempting Jesus to by-pass the cross
- Wealth, power, other worldly pleasures to draw people away from worshipping God