



"Some Tempting Offers"

Getting started: *Ever had a "desert" experience?*

The Text: Matthew 4 (*Page #1499 in the sanctuary Bible*)

The Context: Jesus is beginning his three year public ministry and has just been baptized and received the Father's affirmation from heaven recorded in Matthew 3:17: "This is my Son, whom I love: with him I am well pleased."

● **Matthew 4:1** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Hebrews 4:15 (of Jesus) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.

Satan is the great

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
John 12:31 ...the prince of this world will be driven out.

● **4:2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. [3] The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Satan's temptations:

✓ **Strategy #1**

Element 1 -

"If"?

Element 2 -

Jesus' Response:

● **4:4** Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⇒ Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3.

Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

How do we beat temptation?

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The discipline:

● **4:5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. [6] "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. 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." *

*from Psalm 91:11-12

The Jewish temple was the center of their national life. Herod the Great had renovated the temple and it was the tallest building in the city. The view on the top offered a panorama of Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside.

✓ **Strategy #2**

Element 1 -

Element 2 -

Satan tried _____.

Jesus' Response:

● **4:7** Jesus answered him, "It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

⇒ Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:16.

✓ **Strategy 3**

● **4:8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. [9] "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus' Response:

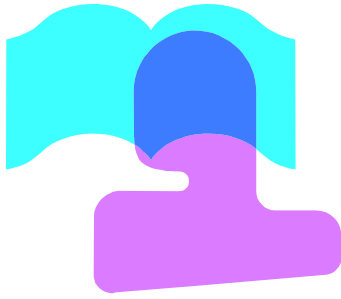
● **4:10** Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

⇒ Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:13.



A Sinner's Prayer

Lord, I am a sinner who has offended you. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and I place my trust in Christ's sacrifice as the only way to be right with you. Thank you for loving me and coming into my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.



The Recall of Scripture (Topics/References To Know From Memory)

◆ **God's love:**

John 3:16-17, Romans 8:31-38, Ephesians 2:8-9, I John 4:10

◆ **God's forgiveness:**

Psalm 103:1-5, Romans 5:8-9, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 3:13, I John 1:9

◆ **God's peace:**

John 14:27, John 14:27, John 16:33, Philippians 4:7, 2 Peter 1:2

◆ **God's knowledge/power:**

2 Chronicles 19:7, Psalm 90:2, Psalm 119:89-90, Psalm 139:1-3,
Isaiah 40:28-31, Isaiah 46:10, Matthew 10:29-30, Matthew 19:26

◆ **God's faithfulness:**

Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 145:13, Lamentations 3:23 & 5:19,
II Thessalonians 3:3

◆ **Prayer:**

Matthew 6:6-8,33, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 4:2, Hebrews 4:16,
James 5:16, 1 Peter 5:7

◆ **A healthy life:**

Matthew 22:37-40, Luke 12:22-26, John 13:34-35, 2 Corinthians 10:5,
Romans 12:3, Galatians 5:22-23, Galatians 6:9-10, Ephesians 4:31-32,
Philippians 4:8-9, Colossians 3:12-15

◆ **Christ's return:**

Matthew 24:30-36, John 14:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Revelation 1:7

◆ **Coming judgment:**

Ecclesiastes 12:14, Galatians 6:7, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 9:27

◆ **Heaven:**

John 14:1-3, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Revelation 21:4

TAP into the Bible. Read the short daily Scripture passage. Reflect on it for a few minutes, and then write short responses in the three boxes.

T - key Truths = Summary thoughts, principles to live by, observations to remember.

A - practical Application = How should I respond? What action can I take?

P - my Prayer response = My expression to God from what I am reading/thinking.

NOTE: *The assigned Scriptures for the TAP in this series are intentionally short so that we can read the passage several times and reflect thoughtfully as we write our responses.*

Date: Mon. March 1	The Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
key truths	
practical application	
my Prayer response	

Date: Tues. March 2	The Scripture: Matthew 22:37-40
key truths	
practical application	
my Prayer response	

Date: Wed. March 3	The Scripture: II Corinthians 10: 5 and Ephesians 6:10-17
key truths	
practical application	
my Prayer response	

Date: Thur. March 4	The Scripture: I John 1:1-10
key truths	
practical application	
my Prayer response	

Date: Fri. March 5	The Scripture: Colossian 3:1-17
key truths	
practical application	
my Prayer response	