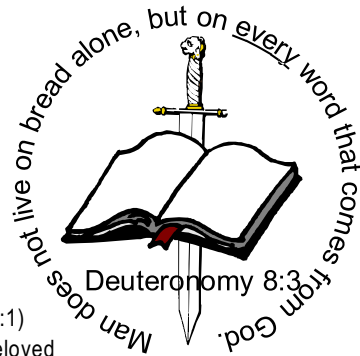


Our King In Battle

Matthew 4:1-11



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1. The King Crowned (3:13-17)

- John *tries continuously* to stop Jesus from being baptized.
- Christ honors baptism.
- He says, "It is right!" (v. 15)
- The Holy Spirit's anointing. (Isaiah 61:1)
- The Word of God says, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"

2. New Testament Thoughts on Temptation

- We are foolish if we think temptation is a light thing. (1 Cor. 10:12-13)
- We are to pray that we do not fall into temptation. (Matthew 26:41)
- The King taught us to pray for protection against temptation. (Matthew 6:13)
- Temptation is not sin but something to be fought. (James 1:12-15)

3. The Time of the Battle (v. 1)

- Immediately after His baptism.
- Immediately after receiving affirmation from the Father.
- ★ Strong temptations come when we are feeling secure. (See Paul's in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10)

4. The Enemy (v. 1)

- He is the devil! – Satan.
- He is known as a *liar, murderer, roaring lion, and tempter*. (John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8; Matthew 4:3)
- He is a master of disguise! (1 Corinthians 11:14).
- He is a master at deceit – in actions and words!
- If he tempted Jesus, the Son of God, we have every reason to beware of his tempting us! (Luke 6:40)
- We are commanded to *resist* the devil. (James 4:7)

5. The Battleground (vv. 1-2)

- The wilderness.
- Under conditions of hunger and fatigue.

- Contrast the first Adam's temptation with that of the *second* Adam's:

FIRST ADAM	SECOND ADAM
King of OLD Creation. (Gen. 1:26)	King of NEW Creation. (2 Cor. 5:17)
Tempted in a beautiful garden.	Struggling alone in a wilderness.
At his best when he was tempted.	Hungry after a 40 day fast.
Sinned and lost his dominion.	Obedied and regained that which was lost.
Adam was defeated and brought death to humanity.	Christ was victorious and brought life.

6. The Battle and It's Lessons (vv. 3-11)

- ① PROVE YOURSELF! (vv. 3-4)
 - Satan takes advantage of our circumstances.
 - Circumstances are *never* a reason to give into temptation.
 - Proverbs 30:7-9
 - Satan's aim is for us to *doubt* God's Word.
 - Jesus would wait on the God and not take things into His own hands.
 - Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. *It is written* . . . Deut. 8:3.
- ② TEMPT GOD! (vv. 5-7)
 - Satan *misquotes* and *misapplies* Scripture. Psalm 91:11.
 - Satan uses the phrase, *It is written* . . .
 - **DO NOT BELIEVE ANY MAN!** (Acts 17:11; Eph. 5:6; 2 Thess. 2:3)
 - Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. *It is written* . . . Deut. 6:16.
- ③ WORSHIP ME! (vv. 8-10)
 - Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. *It is written* . . . Deut. 6:13
 - Worship is the *duty* of every human being!
 - If Christ thought it was important then every creature is required to do the same!

7. Our Victorious King

- He came to set us an example *to follow*. (1 Peter 2:21)
- He was *led by the Spirit into battle*. (John 5:19)
- He gave Satan all the advantages!
- He *suffered* temptation – He *identified* Himself with us.
- He *feels as we feel!* (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15)
- He can *deliver!*
- He can *save!*
- HE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP AND OUR OBEDIENCE!