

Treasure Hunt

- How does the Lord change Deut 6:16 in Matt 4:7, and why?
- What was the real sin of the people in Exodus 17?
- When was the third time that Satan tempted our Lord with the words, “If thou art the Son of God”?
- What later temptation does our Lord’s rebuke to Satan anticipate?
- What warning do these two later events give us?
- What encouragement should we take when it feels like Satan is in control?
- How does the coming of the angels in v. 11 encourage us?

The Structure of the Temptations

<p>Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him,</p>		
<p>???</p>	<p>5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,</p>	<p>8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;</p>
<p>he said,</p>	<p>6 And saith unto him,</p>	<p>9 And saith unto him,</p>
<p>If thou be the Son of God,</p>	<p>If thou be the Son of God,</p>	<p>???</p>
<p>command that these stones be made bread.</p>	<p>cast thyself down:</p>	<p>All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.</p>
	<p>for it is written [Ps 91:11-12], He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in <i>their</i> hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.</p>	
<p>4 But he answered and said,</p>	<p>7 Jesus said unto him,</p>	<p>10 Then saith Jesus unto him,</p>
		<p>Get thee hence, Satan:</p>
<p>It is written [Dt 8:3], Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.</p>	<p>It is written again [Dt 6:16], Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.</p>	<p>for it is written [Dt 6:13-14], Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.</p>
		<p>11 Then the devil leaveth him...</p>

v. 7 **Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God**

Deu 6:16 **Ye** shall not tempt the LORD **your** God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

Exo 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

Broken Symmetry in v. 9

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Mat 27:39 they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,
 40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. **If thou be the Son of God**, come down from the cross.

Broken Symmetry in v. 10

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Mat 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan:** thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

NB: Majority text (though not Textus Receptus) in 4:10 reads “Get thee behind me, Satan”

Variations in Citation

Deu 6:13

Thou shalt **fear** the LORD thy God,
and **serve** him,
and shalt swear by his name.

Matt 4:10

Thou shalt **worship** the Lord thy God,
and him **only** shalt thou **serve**.

Fear → Worship

- Psa 5:7 in thy **fear** will I **worship** toward thy holy temple.
- Psa 96:9 O **worship** the LORD in the beauty of holiness: **fear** before him, all the earth.
- Matt 4:9 All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and **worship** me.

Addition of “**only**”

- Deut 6:14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you;

Paul's Meditation on Wilderness Temptations

Israel in the Wilderness	Our Lord in the Wilderness	Believers
Exodus, Numbers	Matthew 3,4	1 Cor 10:1-13
God's presence in the cloud Crossing Red Sea	Baptized in Jordan God's Spirit	1 all our fathers were under the cloud , and all passed through the sea ; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea ;
Bread, water Jealousy Golden calf	Stones to bread Seek angelic attention Own kdoms of world	6 Now these things were our examples , to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 ... idolaters . 8 ... fornication ... 9 ... tempt Christ ... 10 ... murmur ... 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples :
Outcome: failure		12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.
	Outcome: "the devil leaveth him"	13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God <i>is</i> faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear <i>it</i> .

“Then the Devil leaveth him...”

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;** but will with the temptation also make ~~a way to escape~~ an outcome, that ye may be able to bear *it*.



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Temptation: “What” vs. “When”

Ultimately, the Lord Jesus

- Did eat again
- Did see the angels
- Will possess all the kingdoms of the world

Compare

- *A Temptation*, Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, **knowing good and evil.**
- *A Promise*, Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to **discern both good and evil.**