

Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

Introduction: Matthew tells us that Jesus was in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. By looking at how Jesus faced temptation we can learn something about how we should face temptation. Let's take a look at each of His temptations.

I. First, Jesus was tempted by the wrong use of p_____.

"If you're the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." -Matthew 4:3

II. Jesus was also tempted by the wrong way to p_____.

"If you're the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge of you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" -Matthew 4:6

III. Third, Jesus was tempted by the wrong kind of

p_____.

"All these things I will give you if you will fall down and worship me." -Matthew 4:9

IV. Fourth and finally, Jesus overcame his temptations by

r_____ who He was.

Conclusion: Like Jesus, we're tempted by the wrong use of power, the wrong way to popularity and the wrong kind of partnership. But also like Jesus, we can overcome, when we remember who we are: the beloved daughters and sons of God in Christ.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

²And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."⁴But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" ⁸Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.