

*Jesus' encounters in the Book of Luke*

# **AN ENCOUNTER WITH SATAN**

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# Luke 4:1-13

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- Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’” The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
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- And he said to him, “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.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “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.’” Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Tempted?



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Eat Me.... you know  
you want to.....



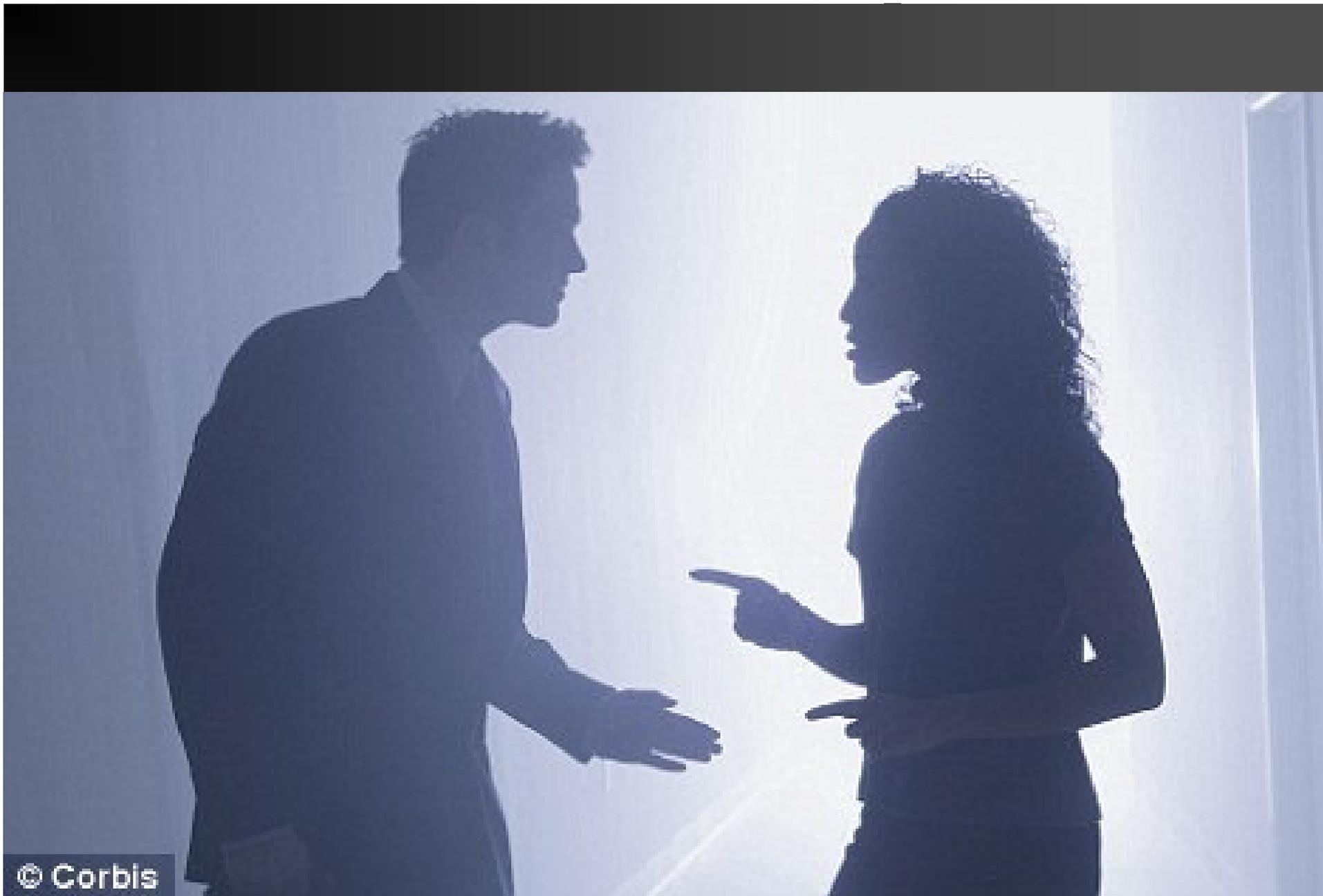
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# Temptation....

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- “I generally avoid temptation unless I can’t resist it.” (Mae West)
  - “The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it.” (Oscar Wilde)
  - “The trouble with resisting temptation is it may never come your way again.” (Korman’s Law)
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# Defining temptation

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- Temptation is “enticement of someone to do something against their better judgement” (Concise Oxford Dictionary)
  - “enticement to disobey God”
  - James 1:14-15 “each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”
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# Luke 3 and Jesus' baptism



# Luke 4, fasting and temptation

- Philippians 2:7  
“being in very  
nature God, did not  
consider equality  
with God  
something to be  
grasped, but made  
himself nothing,  
taking the very  
nature of a servant,  
being made in  
human likeness.”



## The temptation...

tell this stone to become bread....

I will give you all their authority and splendor.... if you worship me

throw yourself down from here....

## ...the response

It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'  
(Deuteronomy 8:3)

It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'  
(Deuteronomy 6:5)

It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'  
(Deuteronomy 6:16)

Satan remains at large, till  
Christ comes again



# Lessons for us

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- Jesus was tempted like us - Hebrews 2:18  
“Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”
  - Jesus shows us how to resist temptation
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# The Gladiator and the Soldier



# Using the sword of the Spirit

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- ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’  
(Deuteronomy 8:3)
    - *Temptation to greed and selfishness*
  - ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’ (Deuteronomy 6:5)
    - *Temptation to put other things than God at the centre of our lives*
  - ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’  
(Deuteronomy 6:16)
    - *Temptation to make “wagers” with God*
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# It is written....

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- James 4:7 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
  - 1 John 5:18 says “the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him”. Jesus is protecting us against Satan.
  - 2 Corinthians 10:5 “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ”
  - Ephesians 4:27 Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.
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# Fill our minds with light...

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- Philippians 4:8 “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things”
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# Sword practice! – it is written...

- Deuteronomy 8:3 ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’
- Deuteronomy 6:5: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’
- Deuteronomy 6:16: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’
- James 4:7 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

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