

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Victory Over Temptation
Matthew 4:1-11



The Devil's Strategy of Temptation

- 1. Timing** – The Devil waits for the prime opportunity to strike – especially at your weakest moments.
- 2. Challenging God's Authority to Provide** – Attempting to create doubt that God is able to provide for all of your needs.
- 3. Test God's Power and Sovereignty** – create doubt to where you will attempt to put God to the test in place of obedience
- 4. Misrepresenting His Authority and Power** – Trying to manipulate you into believing that He (Devil) has more power than God.

Timing

- **Matthew 4:1-2** - Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Challenging God's Authority to Provide

- **Matthew 4:3-4** - ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

Follow the Example of Jesus

- **Follow the example of Jesus here in Scripture** – Stand strong know Jesus understands your temptation and wants to help you resist the devil.
- **Hebrews 4:15-16** - ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Test God's Power and Sovereignty

- **Matthew 4:5-7** - ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and
““On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.””
⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’

Misrepresenting His Authority and Power

- **Matthew 4:8-11** - ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””
¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Devil is Father of Lies

- **John 8:44** - ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the Devil, and you want to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and did not remain standing in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he lies, he speaks from what is his, because he is a liar and the father of lying.

Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet

- **Psalm 119:105** - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- **2 Peter 1:16-21** - ¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Each Step I Take

Each step I take my Saviour goes before me,
And with His loving hand He leads the way,
And with each breath I whisper "I adore Thee;"
Oh, what joy to walk with Him each day.

Each step I take I know that He will guide me;
To higher ground He ever leads me on.
Until some day the last step will be taken.
Each step I take just leads me closer home.

