

Your Weapon Against Satan is The Word of God !

Matthew 4:1-11

Bible Lesson Outline

This evening, the Word of God will speak to us about the one Lethal Weapon Christians must use against Satan. When Satan tempted Jesus, He used the Word of God as His Weapon against him! Therefore, the subject of my sermon is “**Your Weapon Against Satan is the Word of God.**” However, unless you thoroughly know your Bible, you won’t know how to use it against the devil! The Knowledge of God is Power! God’s desire is for us to be equipped with **Divine Knowledge** which will allow us to fight the **devil’s schemes** against us! **Knowing who your real enemy is and knowing about your enemy’s methods is real power!** From the scriptures read to you, God will teach us how to fight temptation and the **Tempter!** God will show us the strategy and the methods Satan used to *tempt* Jesus while He was fasting in the desert. **God will show us how the Lord defeated the devil even though He was physically weak!** God wants you to have REAL POWR to fight temptations and the Tempter! *Aren’t you glad that there is Real Power in the Word of God?*

God also wants you to know that **Satan is real.** Christian must know that **Satan is a reality.** The Bible teaches that **Satan is an invisible reality.** As believers of Jesus Christ, we must deal with *that* reality. *Since Satan is invisible, we cannot fight him with visible physical things.* You cannot shoot and kill the devil! *You cannot fight against the devil in the flesh.* **However, God did not leave us defenseless against Satan and his evil spirits!** The Bible, therefore, teaches us about the weapons Christians must use to fight against Satan. *God has given us a number of **deadly weapons** that we must use against the devil. **The deadliest of all the weapons that God made available to us, the ultimate weapon against Satan, is the Word of God.** In addition, Prayer and Fasting are other forms of weapons Christian must use to defend themselves against the devil.* Furthermore, Christians must know who Satan is, what his methods of attacks are and how he

uses his *deceptive tricks* against us! ***You cannot fight the enemy you don't know!*** You cannot fight the enemy if you didn't know his strategy and methods! ***And the only reliable source of information about Satan and his ways is the Bible.***

Therefore, it will be *unwise* not to study and know the Word of God! It a *critical disadvantage* not to study and know everything the Bible teaches us about Satan! It will be *detrimental* for us not to know how to use the Word of God against Satan and his evil spirits! Therefore, every disciple of Christ must know about the most vicious and deadly enemy of ours! ***We must study the Word of God since it is the only weapon against the devil!***

Let us now examine **three Divine Revelations** which will give us **victory over Satan**. God wants you to have the following **Divine Revelations** in order for you to have a **victorious life in Jesus Christ!**

I. **The First Divine Revelation** is found in verse 1.

The First Revelation is that “***You Are Not Exempt from being Tempted by Satan.***” Verse 1 clearly shows us that it was God’s will for Jesus to be *tested* by Satan.

1. **You Aren’t Exempt from being Tempted by Satan.** Even though you are saved and God is Sovereign in your life, *you are not exempt from being tempted by Satan in this life.* This knowledge is so crucial for us. If you know you are *not exempt* from being **tempted** by Satan, then, you know *why* you are still **tempted** as a believer! God wants you to know even though you are saved, Satan will tempt each of you! *Satan and temptations are realities we must deal with in this life!* The reality is that we are tempted every day even though we love God and we come to church every week! In Matthew chapter 4, verse one, the Bible says, “***Then Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.***” *Now, if God allowed Satan to tempt Jesus, what makes us think that we are exempt from temptations?* Scripture tells us that after Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, He was hungry. Then, “***The Tempter came to Him***

*and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." First of all, the Bible wants us to notice that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus into the desert to be **tested** by Satan.*

2. It is God's Will that Jesus was tempted by Satan. *This happened because it was God's will for Jesus to be tested by Satan before He began His earthly ministry! Now, if it is God's will for Jesus to be tested in the desert by Satan, you must realize you are not exempt from being tested in the same way!* This revelation must be encouraging for someone today!

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3. **There is a Divine Purpose for God to Allow Satan to test us!** Notice that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus to be **tested** by Satan before God unleashed His Awesome Power through His Son in the world!

- **God allowed Satan to tempt Jesus during his weakest hour!** God allowed Satan to test Jesus while He was physically weak and most vulnerable! However, even though Jesus was physically weak, **He was still mighty in the Word of God!** Even though Satan came up against Jesus when He was physically weak, **the Word of God did not lose its Power!**
- Even though you might be weak in the flesh, don't forget the Holy Spirit who lives in you is mightier than any temptation you have to face! Even as you go through some tough times, don't forget that God lives in you! You are more powerful than you think!
- Temptation is an everyday reality. Christians must also know how to deal with the reality of **temptation**. *Just as the devil is real, temptation is real. Temptation is an everyday reality. **To be tempted is to be put on trial or to be put to the test.***
- **Now, it is very important to know that Satan can only tempt you by appealing to your fleshly desires.** Do I have a Witness? The Tempter can only tempt you if you are weak in certain areas of your life. sexual desires because God created us with such strong desires. **The issue is self-control. The issue is misusing our sexual desires for the wrong reasons.** The issue is

losing control of our sexual desires and going outside of the boundaries God put in place for our own safety and benefits!

- ***We have to fast and pray for God to heal us in our weak areas!***

II. **The Second Divine Revelation** is found in verse 2. “***Satan Tempts Your Weakest Areas When You are Most Vulnerable.***”

1. **Satan will tempt you when you are weak in the Flesh.** God wants you to know that Satan will *tempt* you where you are weakest in the flesh. Today, God wants to show you **the areas** where ***you are most vulnerable.*** *God wants to show you clearly where your defense against the enemy is the weakest. Scripture clearly shows that Satan approached Jesus when He was physically exhausted, dehydrated and hungry.* He attacked Jesus at a time when Jesus was most vulnerable due to His physical weakness.
2. **Satan’s Strategy is Still the Same.**
 - Satan tests you when you are weak in the flesh.
 - Satan twists the Word to confuse you. That strategy won’t work if you thoroughly know the Word of God.
 - Christians who don’t fast and pray are Spiritually Weak. Satan knows that. But Jesus **won** by using God’s Word against Satan! Jesus said, “***It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.***” *In other words, Jesus told Satan, I don’t need bread to win this contest of the will! All I need is the Word of God to overcome this temptation!* Hallelujah!
 - Man doesn’t live by Bread Alone. We must feed on the Word of God to defend against the schemes of the devil!
 - **You Got to know whose you are.** If you know for sure that you are the child of God, the devil cannot confuse you about your identity. Next the devil tempted Jesus by saying, “**If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down [from the highest point of the temple]. For it is written: God will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**”

III. The Final Divine Revelation is found in verses 3 to 11. The Revelation is that “*You Will Have Total Victory because You Worship and Serve an Awesome God!*” It is interesting the final temptation Satan used against Jesus was **earthly power and wealth**. The Bible says beginning at verse 8, “Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. [And he said to Jesus] all this I will give you if you will bow down and worship me.” Satan tried to bribe Jesus with worldly power and wealth to entice Him into worshipping the devil instead of God! Satan tried to seduce Jesus by offering Him material wealth and earthly power! But Jesus immediately rebuked Satan for **daring to ask Him to worship him instead of God!** Jesus said to the devil, “*Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.*” With that Jesus **dismissed** Satan and began His earthly ministry in His Awesome Power and Full Authority! After Jesus *defeated* Satan in the desert, He began to **tear down the devil’s strongholds** with His Mighty Power! **For three years**, Jesus cast out demons, healed all kinds of diseases, and proclaimed the Word of God with Power! For three years, Jesus *preached* with Power and *spread* the Kingdom of God by forgiving sinners who believed in Him! **For three years**, Jesus saved those who were under the influence and control of the devil and added them into God’s kingdom! **For three years**, Jesus liberated sinners by the thousands whom Satan had enslaved and kept in darkness! Jesus broke the chains with which Satan imprisoned people and *set them free!* Jesus **tore down** Satan’s strongholds everywhere He went and taught His apostles how to do the same! ***There is Victory for those who believe in Jesus Christ! Jesus saved us so that we can live our lives victoriously! Jesus liberated us from the bondage of sin so that we become His Witnesses to the world!***