

## Luke 4:1-13 - The Temptation of Jesus Christ, Part 2

### Introduction

1. Luke 3:38 – The Genealogy of Jesus goes back to Adam
2. The temptations of Jesus Christ is a Divine Reversal of Genesis 3 – Adam failed in a lavish environment
3. Where Adam failed, Jesus succeeded (**Romans 5:15**)
4. Jesus battles Satan and is victorious; He is the Overcomer
5. Adam yielded to the first temptation, Jesus had multiple temptations and did not sin (**Luke 4:1-2a**)
6. Adam never felt the full force of temptation because he yielded to it; Jesus did because He did refused to

**Central Focus of Our Text: First, Jesus was tempted to the capacity that He was indeed the Son of God, therefore experienced the full thrust of demonic opposition in His temptations, unlike us. Second, Satan's schemes have not changed. Therefore, believers who rely on Divine Revelation (the Bible) can be wise to the devil's devices.**

### Jesus Suffers Full Opposition from the Enemy

1. The temptation from Satan was continual
2. Forty Days in the Wilderness
  - a. A microcosm of Israel's 40 years in the desert
  - b. Reminiscent of Major Biblical Individuals in the OT
    - i. 1 Kings 19 – Elijah; Exodus 34 – Moses
3. God tests His Son in the Wilderness – The Devil is a tool of temptation to test Jesus – The Spirit LED Jesus into the wilderness
4. Jesus' temptation to reverse Adam's and Israel's failure
5. Jesus' mission answers Adam's fall into sin to become a head of a new humanity (**Romans 5:18**)
6. If Jesus succumbs to temptation in the wilderness we are doomed – Jesus must pass God's test
7. Jesus' Mission requires His incarnation – Jesus needed to be human to save us (Satan knew He was the Son of God)
8. Satan deals with Jesus as a Human
9. Our temptations are regulated by God – He controls our temptations and never permits temptations beyond the capacity we can handle them (**1 Corinthians 10:13**)
10. The capacity to escape temptations does not mean the possibility of perfection because of indwelling sin (**James 3:2a, 1 John 1:8**), making us responsible for our sin
11. God restrains Satan's will to tempt (**Job 1:8-12, 2:9-10**)
12. How much capacity did Jesus have to endure temptation?

13. What level of Satanic force came against Jesus who could not sin? What was the Father willing to let Satan do to His Son?
14. If the Divine Nature could never sin, and was infinitely powerful to withstand temptation, the Human Nature was exposed to the full force of Satanic Opposition
15. The Father sustains Jesus or else Satan would have killed Him (**EX: Gethsemane - Mark 14:34**)

### Satan's Schemes Have Not Changed

1. Christians are commanded to stand against the Devil's schemes (**Ephesians 6:11**)
2. Christians are to be wise to the Devil's designs (**2 Cor 2:10-11**)
3. Immature Christianity: To think that God favors you when things are smooth and think that God is against you when things are bad (**Ex: Job, Jesus**)
4. The world is subjugated to futility and Satan has been thrown down to the earth to prowl and devour – be alert! (**1 Peter 5:18**)
5. Satan's Schemes:
  - a. The Devil always strikes at strategic moments (**1-3**)
  - b. The Devil assaults us when we are vulnerable to doubt God's love and provision (**5-7**)
  - c. Satan offers shortcuts to God's promises, and to doubt the plan of God
  - d. Satan perverts God's Word & to trust in human presumption (**9-11**)
  - e. Satan weakens God's truth and exaggerates his offers (**5-7**)
  - f. Satan uses the mind, emotions, and imaginations of men
6. The Word of God makes us wise to the Devil's Schemes
  - a. Jesus trusted the Bible as God's Word
  - b. Jesus responded to Satan with the Scriptures – *It is written*
  - c. Jesus trusted God's provision, He submitted to God, He believed God's promises, He never presumed on God's power, Jesus lived on God's Word
  - d. Jesus resisted the Devil – and the enemy departed until an opportune time
  - e. We will never be free from Satanic temptation
    - i. Be faithful, trust God, resist the Devil
    - ii. Saturate yourself in the study of God's Word
    - iii. God's Promise – The Devil will Flee! (**James 4:7**)
7. The Battle Front for the Enemy – The Mind and Heart
  - a. Satan desires to turn thoughts & affections against the Lord
  - b. Set your mind on the things of God in the Holy Word
  - c. Be alert to the devouring schemes of Satan so you will not be outwitted by the enemy
  - d. Know the truth of God in the Word to get to know the Lord