

Galatians – Lesson 38

Galatians 5:13-26

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Last week we began to look at the three elements of Jesus' victory over Satan as recorded in Matt. 4:1-11>>

1. Jesus was ... full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit...>> Luke 4:1
2. Jesus was clothed with the authority of God>>
3. Jesus was armed with the Word by the Spirit>>

This morning we will look at the next two elements of Jesus' victory>>

4. Jesus recognized each temptation as Satan's lie>>

John 8:44 Whenever [Satan] speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies...>>

Because the Word of God was written on Jesus' heart [2 Cor. 3:3] by the Spirit>>

<<He was able to discern the intent of Satan's misuse of the Scriptures>>

John 16:13 ...the Spirit of Truth...will guide you into all Truth...>>

John 17:17 ...Your Word is Truth...>>

5. Jesus resisted Satan's temptations>>

Matt 16:13 ...Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan...>>

Now we are ready to look Matt. 4:2-11 with these five elements in mind>>

2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered [resisted] and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

5 Then the devil took Him [Satan is persistent] into the holy city and had Him stand 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, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" 7 Jesus said [resisted] to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

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 things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" 11 Then the devil left Him...>>

Now that we are in Christ, ...[God] has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness [2 Peter 1:3]...>>

<<so that we have been equipped to overcome the ...schemes of the devil [Eph.6:11]...>>

We have been equipped with Jesus' authority>>

Col. 1:13 ...[God] rescued us from the domain [authority] of darkness, and transferred us to the Kingdom [authority] of His beloved Son...>>

We have been equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit>>Acts 1:8

1 John 4:4 ...greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world...>>

We have been equipped with ...the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God...>>Eph.6:17

We have been equipped with the ability recognized each temptation as Satan's lie>>

John 16:13 ...when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the Truth...>

THEREFORE, we CAN effectively resist each and every known and discerned temptation>>

At this point we might ask, why am I not experiencing more victories>>

There may be at least two reasons>>

<<your motive may not be genuine>>

<<you may be trying rather than resisting>>

Next week we will take a look at the anatomy of temptation>>