

Messiah Tempted

Matthew 4:1-12

- I) Introduction
 - Who is the author of temptations and trials?
- II) Command these stones to become bread (v. 2-4) “The lust of the flesh”
 - The devil tempts Jesus to distrust His Father’s care
 - Jesus resists by quoting the Word of God
 - The devil will tempt us in our weak points
 - Resist Him with Scripture
- III) Throw yourself down from the temple (v. 5-7) “The pride of life”
 - The devil tests Jesus’ trust in the Word of God
 - Satan quotes the Scripture (Ps 91:11-12)
 - Jesus answers from the “whole counsel of God:”
 - Testing God is not trusting God
 - The devil will tempt us in our strengths
 - Do not rely on your strength, but in the Word
- IV) All these (kingdoms of the world) I will give you (v 8-11) “The lust of the eyes”
 - The devil tempts Jesus by offering Him a shortcut to accomplish his mission
 - The devil will tempt you by offering you shortcuts and compromises
- V) Application (from J.C. Ryle)
 - What a real and mighty enemy we have in the devil
 - We must not count temptation a strange thing
 - The chief weapon we ought to use in resisting Satan is the Bible
 - Trust the Father’s Voice at Jesus’ Baptism instead of miraculous signs
 - Our Spiritual warfare is with a defeated enemy
 - What a sympathizing Savior the Lord Jesus is (Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:14-15)