

Matthew Episode 5 Pastor Dwight Dalton

Psalm 91 was almost universally understood in the ancient Jewish world as a prayer *against* demonic forces.

Matthew 4:1-2 ESV

Led—different than being made too—Jesus willingly went

Luke 4:1-2 ESV

Matthew 4:3-4 ESV

3 areas Satan tempts us- tonight we look at the first

1. An appeal to the lust of the flesh

Notice Satan is the first to speak—normally uses a question

Be careful when you hear the enemies voice questioning—he is doing it to get you out of position with God

Command these stones to turn to bread

We might say that Jesus was being tested through His strengths, through His gifts. Would He allow His strengths to become traps? “Satan bids the Lord prove his Sonship by catering for himself; and yet that would have been the surest way to prove that he was not the Son of God.” (Spurgeon)

Jesus shows that every word that proceeds from the mouth of God should be more precious to us than food itself.

Jesus used *Scripture* to battle Satan’s temptation, not some elaborate spiritual power inaccessible to us. Jesus fought this battle as fully man, and He drew on no “special resources” unavailable to us. “Out flashed the sword of the Spirit: our Lord will fight with no other weapon. He could have spoken new revelations, but chose to say, ‘*It is written.*’” (Spurgeon)

If we are ignorant of God’s truth, we are poorly armed in this fight against temptation.

