

Satan's Snares
Meadowbrook Community Church
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Text: Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1-6

The question of identity - Who are you? - is one of the most important questions.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:13-17

First Temptation:

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Matthew 4:1-3

Second Temptation:

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He 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.'" Matthew 4:5-6

Third Temptation:

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Matthew 4:8-9

Satan's 3 Snares:

- The Snare of CIRCUMSTANCES
- The Snare of COMPARISON
- The Snare of CONDEMNATION

Knowing your identity before the Father is what gives you the power to overcome any sin! God's acceptance is the power that liberates you from sin, not the reward for having liberated yourself.

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12