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Psalm 39

- *‘my time on earth is brief’*
- *‘our busy rushing ends in nothing’*

Where do I put my hope?
My only hope is in you.

**The devil's real trick is convincing us that
there is something better to experience than
God Himself.**

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Luke 4:1-13

The Setting

Then Jesus full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River.

He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil for forty days.

Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

Luke 4:1-2

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The First Temptation

Then the devil said to him,

“If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

Luke 4:3-4

But Jesus told him,

“No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’”

Luke 4:3-4

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Personal Provision or Pleasure

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The Second Temptation

Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luke 4:5-8

“I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them,” the devil said, “because they are mine to give to anyone I please. I will give it all to you if you will worship me.”

Luke 4:5-8

Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say,

**‘You must worship the LORD your God and
serve only him.’”**

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Power or Position

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The Third Temptation

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said,

Luke 4:9-12

**“If you are the Son of God, jump off!
For the Scriptures say,**

**‘He will order his angels to protect and guard
you. And they will hold you up with their
hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a
stone.’”**

Luke 4:9-12

**Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say,
‘You must not test the LORD your God.’”**

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Presumption or Pride

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The Closing

**When the devil had finished tempting Jesus,
he left him until the next opportunity came.**

Luke 4:13

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Recognizing and Overcoming the Four Phases of Temptation

(Charles Swindoll)

The Appeal

***Temptation comes from our own desires,
which entice us and drag us away.***

James 1:14

The Struggle

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

Galatians 5:17

Dear friends, I warn you as temporary residents and foreigners to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

1 Peter 2:11

The Response

So humble yourselves before God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5

***I have hidden your word in my heart, that I
might not sin against you.***

Psalm 119:11

The Aftermath

Victory or Defeat

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:25

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. Then we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:16

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