

'It Is Written ...'

By Ron Adams

In Matthew 4:1-10 we have the account of Jesus being tempted by the devil. The three temptations briefly summarized are as follows:

The first temptation: "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

The second temptation: "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down [from the pinnacle of the temple]; 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.'"

The third temptation: "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

While there are a number of lessons that can be learned from this exchange, here is one that is not usually considered: He didn't use His power to turn stones into bread. He didn't use the power of angels to bear Him up. He didn't accept the devil's offer of a shortcut to power. Jesus' answer to each temptation was "It is written." He steadfastly relied on the Scriptures not His power.

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Here is a lesson for all Christians. Jesus used the power of the Scriptures in resisting temptation; and we have the same power at our disposal! If we are willing to apply the teachings of the scriptures when tempted, that is sufficient power to resist. We don't need supernatural power; we don't need the host of heaven to intervene for us.

Jesus has shown us by His example that the Word of God is powerful. Powerful enough to resist the devil. Powerful enough to protect us in times of trials. Powerful enough to save us. Let us wield the sword of the Spirit (the word of God, Eph. 6:17) to combat Satan when we are tempted. Know the Scriptures. Know them well. Know how to use them.

Remember, that Jesus' goal was to do His Father's will, and our goal should be to do His will. Remember, there is power in "It is written."



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: The River of Life at the Pool of Death.

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Scripture: John 5:1-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We will study Day 2 of Lesson 10 on Tuesday, the 21st. We will meet at the building @ 10am.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** May 22nd, Arthur or Paul will be continuing with our study of Ephesians, possibly concluding the book. We are thinking about studying Galatians next.
- **Men's Revival- Putting "man" Back in the Hood-**June 1st here at Valley Cities. Featured speakers will be Paul Cowles, Erlvin Greene and our own Arthur Barry.
- **Pancake Breakfast-** Saturday, June 8th. **Volunteers and donations needed!** This is an outreach activity which will take place here at the building.
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be June 30th at Endwell.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel tent meeting in River Front Park during this time (12-14).
- **Athens Street Fair-** July 19th & 20th. **Volunteers needed** to help with our church booth during this event. This will be our 3rd year to participate.
- **VBS –** August 10th here at the building with volunteers from Kittanning and Camp Hill churches. **We will need cookies, drinks and snacks! Volunteers to help the day go smoothly are always welcome.**
- **Next Potluck: Next Sunday!** May 26th.



NEWS

- **Paul and Dawn Cowles** are completely moved into their new home in Spencer, NY. Their new address is 350 Dean Creek Rd., Spencer, NY 14883. Paul is preaching at Horseheads this morning.
- **Pounding the Ground for Ultrasound** – This Saturday, May 25th. The individual fee is \$25. Proceeds go to support **First Look Pregnancy Center** in Sayre. **Come and cheer us on!**
- **Potluck has been postponed a week due to all the sickness amongst us.**

PRAYERS

- **Darlene** still has bronchitis. Pray for a fast recovery and comfort. Doug was also sick, but has recovered and is back to work, thank the Lord!
- **Ted** is ill with pneumonia symptoms. Please pray that he can recover quickly.
- **Jackie** is also ill and needed to be taken to the doctor yesterday.
- Continue to pray for **Peyton** concerning the seizures she has been having.
- Pray for **Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer. She has had to give up her job as school secretary.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer. Lori is very proactive in the battle to stay healthy and her latest MRI showed no new growth and smaller lymph nodes.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.
- Remember to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain). They both need our prayers.
- Pray for our **Bible classes**, both Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings as well as Ladies' Class. Attendance is low in all Bible classes. We all have a lot we can learn about God's will and how we can live according to it. **Ephesians 5:10...and find out what pleases the Lord.**

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.