

Day 18

- Yesterday, I did a fairly thorough job covering the first temptation of Christ. Now, let's look at the second. Matthew and Luke both record the account of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Mark mentions it briefly. The one thing I took notice of was the order of the last two temptations of Jesus in Matthew were opposite of how they were ordered in Luke.
 - This may not seem significant to some, but everything God does is not by accident. So, standing on the premise that the Bible is absolute truth and infallible, I must deduce that there is a reason. I will do my best to share what Holy Spirit has revealed to me with you, yet I would like to state now, that I may receive more revelation later. And when I do, I will share it with you.

- I am going to start with the account and order of the last two temptations recorded in the book of Luke. Why? Because to me, it makes more sense that the order of temptations follow the order listed in Luke. I will share my reasoning with you, but again, I am very open to Holy Spirit correcting me.
 - "Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been **delivered to me**, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." Luke 4:5-7
 - Let's break this down before we go to Jesus' response. Satan showed Jesus the kingdoms that were "delivered" to him by Adam when Adam sinned. So, those kingdoms were from God's dominion and authority, in which Adam had dominion and authority over before the fall. We know this because He was God's son, and Adam's birthright and inheritance was secure as God's son. Also, God told us this in Genesis 1:26 (hmmm...another 26). "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
 - Satan was not interested in man's earthly kingdoms or empires. He had control of all the kingdoms of the earth, which was what Satan had had delivered to him by Adam. Adam's God given birthright and inheritance.
 - This is what Satan was offering Jesus on that high mountain. It was really an in your face moment; Satan thought — Son of God, I already have these kingdoms under my control, given to me by the first son of God, Adam. Do you want them back? Then bow to me, and I will give them to you.
 - That is how I imagine Satan's thoughts going in that moment. Of course, he would have NEVER given them back. How do we know? "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." John 8:44.
 - Okay, so now we see that these kingdoms were God's kingdoms he had put under Adam's (all mankind's) control. Let's look at Jesus' response. It reveals a lot.
 - "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." Luke 4:8.
 - Why would Jesus tell Satan to get behind Him? Any thoughts?
 - Okay, we are going to peel back some more of the hidden picture. Let's look at what was included in Adam's God given inheritance — 1. Angels 2. Animals and all creeping things 3. Plant life — the earth, and all it encompasses.

- Angels? “Do you not know that we shall judge angels?” 1 Corinthians 6:3. We can’t judge anything we don’t have dominion over.
- “For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten you”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”? But when He again brings the firstborn [Jesus] into the world, He says: “Let all angels of God worship Him.” Hebrews 1:5-6
- “But to which of the angels has He [God] ever said: “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all [angels] ministering spirits sent forth to minister to those who **will inherit salvation** [us]?” Hebrews 1:13-14.
- “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” John 15:15.
- “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:16-17.
- I hope you are seeing what scripture is laying out before our very eyes. Let’s go a bit deeper.
- “For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But **one** testified in a certain place [the courts of heaven], saying: “What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? **You have made him a little lower than the angels**; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. You have put **all things in subjection under his feet.**” Hebrews 2:5-8.
- First, we know that God has not put the world to come, nor this one, under the subjection of angels — For “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8.
- Second, let’s look at “You have made him a little lower than the angels.” It actually translates out to “You have made him for a little while lower than the angels.”
- Now, let’s go to the original text the writer of Hebrew’s was quoting from. The original text was in Psalm 8, which was being prophesied by King David, who heard the ONE [Lucifer] who was TESTIFYING talking in the courts of heaven. The one is Lucifer (later known as satan after the fall). In this text, Lucifer had no idea who man was. He actually called man a what...he heard of man when he “walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones” Ezekiel 28:14 — the fiery stones of God’s revelation. From this place of fiery revelation, a coal was taken to cleanse Isaiah the prophets lips, so Isaiah could speak for God. (Isaiah 6:6-8).
- Psalm 8:4-6, “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have covered him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”
- Now let’s look at the word “angels” in that passage. In Hebrew, it is actually translated Elohim, which is God. So, Psalm 8:5 actually says, “For you have made him a little lower than God...”
- Lucifer has now discovered there is a place between God and angels, and it is this MAN that God has been mindful of — thinking about — designing an incredible home for — earth. It is the realization of man’s

place above him, Lucifer, that throws Lucifer into a rage and causes him to revolt against God.

- How do we know this to be true? “How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!...For you have said in your heart; ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be **like** the Most High.’” Isaiah 14:12-14.
 - Who was made in God’s **likeness**? Adam was made in God’s likeness; we are made in God’s likeness. Lucifer didn’t say in his heart, he would be God. He said he would be **like** God. We are the only part of God’s creation who are made in God’s **likeness**. The plan of God to create us, His family, His children, is what enraged Lucifer, causing him to revolt and getting him cast out of heaven.
 - So when Jesus said to Satan (Lucifer), “Get behind Me, Satan.” (Luke 4:8), Jesus was saying, I am now putting the son of God, Adam, all mankind, BACK in His place of full authority over ALL of God’s creation. I am taking back the birthright and the inheritance (the sonship) you usurped from Adam.
 - “For it is written, “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.” Luke 4:8.
 - In one moment, Jesus legally righted the wrongs set in motion in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Satan.
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- Tomorrow, I will finish the explanation of the second temptation of Jesus Christ and go into the third.
 - Until then, be blessed and encouraged, for the LORD our God is the greatest Creator, orchestrator, and detailed Father of all time, past, present, and future. And His Love for us is more than we could ever fully fathom.