

Day 19

- Today, I will finish up the temptations of Jesus Christ and set us back to showing how God proves to us He follows His laws set in motion by revealing to us an earthly example before the coming of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ.
- Now, yesterday, I shared that I was partial to the order of the temptations of Jesus Christ in the book of Luke. Let's look at the last temptation, and then I will explain my reasoning.
 - "Then he [the devil] brought Him [Jesus] to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' and 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Luke 4:9-10.
 - Okay, oh boy, there is a WHOLE lot here. I may have to keep it simple today, and then deep dive into this one completely on another day. Like I said, everything in these temptations of Jesus Christ were being included for very specific reasons, and Jesus was completing and taking back all that had happened between Adam and Satan.
 - Remember, "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, and the glory of kings to search a matter out." Proverbs 25:2.
 - So this scripture quote satan uses to tempt Jesus comes from Psalm 91:11-12.
 - The first temptation of Jesus Christ was bread, food - which in Jesus overcoming that temptation now legally restored to Him the birthright of Adam, Adam's seed.
 - The second temptation of Jesus Christ dealt with dominion over the kingdoms — which in Jesus overcoming that temptation now legally restored to Him the inheritance, the blessing of Adam from God, which was Adam's inherited right as God's son.
 - The third temptation, once again takes us back to the Garden of Eden — In a much earlier post, I explained how satan used the serpent to do his bidding in the Garden of Eden — because satan was not allowed in the Garden. So, let's look at what was said.
 - "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Genesis 3:1-6.
 - This is where satan, through the serpent, manipulates scripture and challenges mankind. Now remember, Eve was not alone; Adam was with her the whole time. Read Genesis 3, to see it for yourself if you already haven't.
 - So, the final temptation of Jesus had to include scripture manipulation because satan used that against the woman in the Garden of Eden, as a challenge to her and Adam, first putting doubt in, then appealing to the carnal flesh, and then giving them a challenge to prove it through manipulation of scripture. All of the sin of mankind had to be redeemed.
 - And remember, satan can only work within the times and seasons and cycles God has set in the earth; he can only understand what he reads through them, what has already happened.
 - Adam was the first son of God satan had ever come up against, and now, this Jesus, who God had spoken of from heaven after Jesus was water baptized and then baptized by Holy Spirit, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17.
 - That immediately pricked Satan's attention, for he had been searching and waiting for this Deliverer who had been prophesied about since nearly the fall of Adam. He had also seen impressions of this Deliverer many times — through

Noah, through Abraham, through Jacob, through Joseph, through Moses, and through King David.

- He had seen the star in the heavens that indicated the birth of this Deliverer; he knew of the wisemen who had come from the east to honor and worship the birth of this Deliverer, so satan set Harod's heart against this Deliverer, causing Harod to call for the murder of babies from birth up to two years — which was first impressed in the earth at the birth of Moses, and Pharaoh called for the murder of all Hebrew babies. (Matthew 2; Exodus 1 & 2).
 - So, Jesus response to satan is very important here because it reveals A LOT.
 - “And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” Luke 4:12.
 - Okay, a lot is in Jesus' words. First, Jesus revealed to satan that He, Jesus, was in fact God— How do we know? It is in His answer. ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ Jesus also revealed to satan which part of the Godhead He was. How did Jesus do that? When Jesus answered, “It has been SAID.” Jesus didn't say written. He used the word SAID. Spoken — for Jesus IS the Word, the Word Spoken — In that moment, satan knew Who he was really dealing with.
 - He also knew the last time he came up against God, it did not work out well.
 - Now, satan had to leave Jesus' presence in that moment because, it is written, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:7-8.
 - You might be saying, “Wait, Heidi, that was written after Jesus life, death, and resurrection.” BUT, another big conjunction of a but here — Jesus is the word — all words are in Him — the moment God spoke the Word (Jesus) into the world to Create it, all words were spoken, all truths, all laws, all promises, everything.
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- So, back to why I think that Luke's order of the temptations make sense to me — The moment satan realized he was dealing with God, Himself, he could no longer stay in his presence. He had to flee. He left to try and think up a new way to destroy the Son of God — because, he had never seen this happen in the earth before. Satan had never been this way — for God had never come to earth as a man. Satan was truly on new ground. So “he departed from Him [Jesus] until an opportune time.” Luke 4:13.
 - From here, I will take us to the book of Esther, to show how God displays through a human experience how He can teach us to navigate through His spiritual laws He set in motion. I encourage you to read the book of Esther to be familiar with the account. Tomorrow, I will paraphrase it for us, but if you know the account first, it will help you get more out of what I am going to share.
 - Until tomorrow, be blessed and encouraged, for our God is an all consuming fire, full of all power, all glory, and all revelation. When we turn our eyes on Him and look full in His glory and grace, we can begin to walk in the dominion and authority Jesus restored back to us; we can do all of this in the presence of His glory and for His glory, and when we answer His call to us, greater revelation will come. “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3. (Just look at all those 3's).