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If I remember to do this, we will start out with a Biblical trivia question. I will act like I know the answer to appear really smart. You will each be given an opportunity to answer or agree with someone else. If you are wrong the penalty is \$5.00. Just kidding.

I appreciate it when you send me things to consider whether it is a video or link to some teaching or thinking. I take those as a question as to what to make of this or that. So, this past week Ann sent a video about a woman who was giving an opinion I think about AI but superimposed her belief in Gnosticism over whatever the topic was?

A brief conversation about Gnosticism: From God's perspective Gnosticism is evil, it removes Christ from Salvation as Gnostics believes salvation does not come through Faith, but through special knowledge. We had three Mormons visit us yesterday and I got that same comment from one of them that they received special knowledge from the Holy Spirit. It is that idea that Jesus is not enough that we need some special knowledge to really have the truth. A lie from the lips of Satan.

1 John 4: [1](#)Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. [2](#)Hereby know ye the

Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: **3**And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

The video that I am going to play is the not video sent to me, sorry I can't find it, but this video gives a pretty clear explanation of how Gnostics think.

I personally do not endorse this video; it is simply used to show the lie of Gnostic's about God's Word. To be clear, this video is a lie about Spirituality from beginning to end. Trust only in the Word of God, it is the only source of Truth and Jesus is the only source of Salvation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRGE5-Nymxg>

The Temptation of Jesus (Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)

1Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Why did the Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness? God knew that Jesus was going to be tempted by the devil. It was all part of the larger plan that God set in motion even before the Creation of the Universe. It wasn't to put questions into Jesus's mind it was to

show us how to resist the devil when tempted. The pattern that Jesus showed us is to quote scripture when confronted by evil. Satan even mis-quotes scripture, to get us to lower our defenses so that his fiery darts can penetrate to our souls. Lowering our guard is by not walking in God's Word moment by moment. It is the Word of God that He gave us for our protection. It is our weapon of choice when dealing with evil.

The desert is place of solitude with no distractions. It was where Israel was taken and tested as it was taken from Egypt. It was where John the Baptist spent time with God preparing for his ministry to Christ. Elijah and other prophets spent time in the desert to have quite time with God, to hear God without distraction.

2And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

Two key points here: first forty is a significant number as it relates to Moses fasting 40 day and nights on Mt Siani attending to God and the Commandments of the Law. Elijah did the same while traveling to Mt. Horeb in 1 Kings. Israel was 40 years in the desert while seeking the Promised Land. So, 40 is associated with trial and endurance and in the end perseverance.

The second fact is that the Messiah was hungry emphasizes His humanity. All humanity would be hungry enduring that length of time with no food.

In the next verse Satan is referred to as “the tempter”. Satan has at least 25 names and descriptions in the KJV of the Bible.

Quote:

1. *Satan – The primary name meaning "adversary" or "accuser" (e.g., Job 1:6).*
2. *The Devil – Meaning "slanderer" or "false accuser" (e.g., Matthew 4:1).*
3. *Lucifer – Meaning "day-star" or "son of the morning," found in Isaiah 14:12.*
4. *Beelzebub – Meaning "lord of the flies" or "prince of demons" (e.g., Matthew 12:24).*
5. *Belial – Meaning "worthlessness" or "wickedness" (2 Corinthians 6:15).*
6. *The Dragon – A symbol of his monstrous power (Revelation 12:9).*

7. *The Old Serpent – Linking him to the deceiver in Eden (Revelation 12:9).*
8. *The Tempter – Describing his role in testing humanity (Matthew 4:3).*
9. *The Father of Lies – Highlighting his nature as the origin of deception (John 8:44).*
10. *The Liar – A direct descriptor of his character (John 8:44).*
11. *A Murderer – Referencing his destructive intent from the beginning (John 8:44).*
12. *The Wicked One (or The Evil One) – Denoting his moral corruption (Matthew 13:19).*
13. *The Prince of this World – Indicating his temporary authority over earthly systems (John 12:31).*
14. *The God of this World – Referring to his influence over the current age (2 Corinthians 4:4).*
15. *The Prince of the Power of the Air – Describing his dominion over spiritual forces (Ephesians 2:2).*
16. *Abaddon – The Hebrew name meaning "destruction" or "destroying angel" (Revelation 9:11).*
17. *Apollyon – The Greek equivalent of Abaddon, meaning "destroyer" (Revelation 9:11).*
18. *The Angel of the Bottomless Pit – His title as the ruler of the abyss (Revelation 9:11).*

19. *The Accuser of our Brethren – His legal role against believers (Revelation 12:10).*
20. *The Adversary – A literal translation of his function as an opponent (1 Peter 5:8).*
21. *A Roaring Lion – A metaphor for his predatory nature (1 Peter 5:8).*
22. *The Deceiver – Emphasizing his trickery of the whole world (Revelation 12:9).*
23. *The Thief – Describing his intent to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).*
24. *The Enemy – A general term for his hostility toward God and man (Matthew 13:39).*
25. *The Spirit of Antichrist – Identifying the spirit behind opposition to Christ (1 John 4:3).*

Other descriptive titles sometimes included in extended lists are Angel of Light (2 Corinthians 11:14), Son of Perdition (2 Thessalonians 2:3), and Man of Sin (2 Thessalonians 2:3), though the list above represents the most distinct designations found in the KJV text. (End quote)

Full disclosure I asked AI to compile the list of names for Satan. I checked several sources and this was the best inclusive list with Chapter and verse references.

3And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Satan picks his times to tests Jesus and us. In this instant Satan thought Jesus would be weak and starving and vulnerable. Jesus did not try to reason with or argue with Satan; Jesus simply quoted the Word. He declared the most specific verse that declares His very nature as the Word of God. It is that Word, Jesus that Believers live by it is Jesus plus nothing.

5Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Satan takes Jesus to God's City Jerusalem to God's earthly home, the temple of the Living God and challenges Jesus to prove that He really is Jesus the Messiah.

6And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Is what Satan said to Jesus a true rendition of Scripture about "dash thy foot against a stone.?" Satan uses partial truths but always tries to put doubt into our minds a method to try to get us to test God's Love for us. He did this repeatedly with Jesus, but

Jesus did not stray from the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God and can do nothing else but speak Truth.

The verse Satan was referring to is from Psalms 90

Psalms 90: 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Satan knows what God's Word says and he is trying to get Jesus to alter it in some way that he could accuse Jesus before God declaring that Jesus sinned. Satan is a master at deceit, he knows God's Word better than most of us, so by using slight variations in God's Word Satan attempts to change the emphasis or meaning. He did so with Eve in the Garden, and God told us that Satan is:

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Satan is not a fictitious abstract; he is a creation of God that has sought to elevate himself to the same level as God the Father.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

8Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **9**And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Satan knows that the flesh of men want power, the more power the better. We see that worldwide from generation to generation.

10Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **11**Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Satan is plagued by the need for power, to be like God. It is unknown why God would have created Satan in the first place, knowing what he would become. It might have to do with the testing of even us; will we serve God or mammon?

Mammon means; wealth, power, greed, prosperity.

Jesus withstood the test for us; can we withstand the test for Him? By that I mean obedience, not Salvation. Salvation is assured by Faith in Him, what is not assured is our obedience. That is a day by day walk by us to grow in Righteousness and Sanctification through obedience.

Jesus Begins His Ministry **(Isaiah 9:1-7; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-15)**

12Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

Isaiah prophesied that a light would come from Galilee Isaiah 9, we will read in a moment.

Galilee was a mixture of outcast Jews from the 10 norther tribes and gentiles. Jesus would start His ministry there to show that the downcast and non-Jews were just as important as the Jews in Judea. The light of Christ began to shine in Galilee where Jesus was raised after being brought as a child out of Egypt.

When John was cast into prison for condemning Herod Antipas of adultery, it was the sign of John's ministry ending and Jesus' ministry beginning.

13And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: **14**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

Isaiah 9: 1Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward

*did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea,
beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.*

2*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great
light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
upon them hath the light shined.*

“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light”.

Those outcast Jews and gentiles living in Galilee were the first to see the Son of God begin His ministry. Now we after 2000 years also get to relive Jesus’s ministry as we study Matthew.

16*The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and
to them which sat in the region and shadow of death
light is sprung up.*

17*From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say,
Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

In our time in 2026s we are saying the Great Day of the Lord is near. The great day of the Lord is when the times of the gentiles is over, and the rule of Jesus begins.

Even though we would be considered gentiles that moniker for us has been replaced by Believer. Believers, the Big “C” Church, the Body of Christ where there is nether Jew nor gentile, the Body of Christ is made up of only Believers.

Jesus Calls His First Disciples
(Matthew 13:47-52; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42)

What caused Jesus to pick these four men as His original group of disciples?

First, we know that God knows the heart of man, nothing is hidden. Second, we know that God does not look on the outward appearance of man but upon the inner heart and spirit of man. And third, we know that God uses the most common to carry out the most extraordinary.

1 Corinthians 1: 26For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

As it has been said and bears repeating; God is not interested in *ABILITY* He is interested in **AVAILABILITY**! Are we, are you willing to be available to do the most mundane helpful task to bring someone to Jesus or just to help a brother or sister? That mundane task with the right heart after Jesus in obedience will bring about amazing Godly results. Not for our benefit but for the

Glory of God. If you do nothing to help others in the Name of Jesus, where is your ministry that God has given you?

18And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. **19**And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. **20**And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. **21**And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. **22**And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

We know from other verses that these two sets of brothers were in the business of fishing together with their fathers. They left this family business to carry out a worldwide, everlasting walking with Jesus the Creator God.

Jesus Heals Great Multitudes (Luke 6:17-19)

23And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Jesus began His ministry touching people that were hurting. Teaching them about the Love of God to them personally and about the Kingdom of the Living God.

24And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.



25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

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