1Thess #41

Application of the word in spiritual combat is the key!

Today we will do a brief message as a follow up to last lesson – related to, Satan trying to hinder the positive Bel.

The example of the Apostle Paul was a wonderful learning lesson but I want to emphasize something today in relation to dealing with demonic attacks.

Open up today in Luke chapter four.

Both Matthew chapter four and Luke four cover the same story. Yet Luke has a few scriptures that go into better detail in the original context.

At the end of the message today I will go over PRB Ministry’s 2022 finances. As well as give you a prayer list of serious students who need prayer, because they have truly made the difference in this ministry.

/We noted last lesson, that Satan and his army are always seeking avenues of frustration or roadblocks to keep Bels from reaching SM. Any form of confusion, frustration, false doctrine or roadblocks, Satan can use to stop a positive Bel is fair game in his playbook.\

Now one of the best examples Bels have related to spiritual warfare is not only the life of the Apostles, but also TLJC in the wilderness at the beginning of HIS ministry.

Many of you know this story. Today we will look at it from the perspective of what a Bel in the CA can do, in just such an intense circumstance.

This was directly after the baptism in the Jordan river.

/Luke 4:1 **Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,** returned from the Jordan and was **led *around* by the Spirit**in the wilderness

The humanity of Christ was always filled and led by God the HS.\

This was directly after a victory of the baptism, which was the beginning point of HIS earthly ministry.

At the perfect time Jesus knew HE would begin the earthly ministry – notice, Jesus is following the call of GOD the Father and consistently led by God the HS.

The baptism by John the Baptist was the agreement that TLJC would go forward in the plan of God the Father and fulfill the plan to the exact letter of perfection.

The agreement and plan from eternity past was now placed upon display in the humanity of Jesus Christ for human history to observe.

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/Being directly inside the plan of God, also, knowing your personal sense of destiny. Along with the filling power of God the HS puts a Bel in a position of combat readiness and strength. The Bel with no clue about God’s plan and a foundation of BD can never reach this level of readiness. They can have the filling power of the Spirit yet the readiness and strength are from two power options working in full capacity.\

You can not just name and cite sins and think you will grow up spiritually.

Just as you can not just read your Bible from your flesh and expect to learn deep principles.

/[Luk 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/2/s_977002) for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And **He ate nothing during those days**, and when they had ended, He was hungry.

To begin a ministry or difficult journey you can have no outside distractions, fasting (removing distractions) along with serious prayer are often the best way to begin.\

Fasting is not always related to food; it was designed to help remove distractions so as to focus on your relationship with God and dive deeper into prayer and divine fellowship.

I am getting to a point where I think all Bels need a fast of electronic devices every few weeks, just to help get them back into a right relationship with God.

/[Luk 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/3/s_977003) And the devil said to Him, “**If You are the Son of God**, tell this stone to become bread.”

***IF-***  1st class condition – Satan knew exactly who he was dealing with!\

The fact is Satan looks for weak points or times of victory or failure to catch Bels off guard.

The best time to strike an enemy is when they are relaxed, over confident, tired, frustrated or off balance.

Jesus in HIS humanity was hungry and the first thing Satan does is tempt Jesus in HIS current weak point.

/Satan knows when to tempt, usually at a weak point. Sometimes right after a victory or failure because the Bel will be open for deception. The Lord could have easily performed a miracle for HIS food, yet HE never stepped outside the perfect plan of God the Father. The humanity of Jesus Christ was put on display for our benefit! \

[Luk 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/4/s_977004) And Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.’”

/Exo 23:25 “And you shall serve the LORD your God, and **He will bless your bread and your water;** and I will remove sickness from your midst.

Reliance upon God’s word and God’s power, is the mark of SM Bel in the heat of spiritual warfare.\

Jesus in HIS humanity, was not reliant upon miracles and crying out for help in an emotional plea.

Jesus didn’t try and pray HIMSELF out of this attack.

 Jesus used the power of God the HS, the certainty of God the Father’s plan and the WORD!

[Luk 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/5/s_977005) And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

/[Luk 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/6/s_977006) And the devil said to Him, “**I will give You all this domain**and its glory, for **it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I want.**

Satan is the prince and power (authority) of the atmosphere (cosmic system), that is a fact! \

Satan knew lying to God was useless! So he only spoke and tempted with that which he knew he had control over.

/Luk 4:7 “Therefore **if You worship before me,** it shall all be Yours.”

*Proskyneō enōpion-* worship or submit in obedience in my presence.\

The Greek term – PROS-COO-NAYO, EE-NOPE-EON, (worship before me) really means to become devoted in the presence of Satan.

As a well-trained dog does in the presence of his master.

Many Christians have a form of obedience to the cosmic system which is exactly this definition in Luke 4:7.

/A Bel can never be combat ready if the majority of their time, talent and treasure is dedicated to supporting the cosmic system. To worship Satan is to worship or be enthralled by his system. Occupation with the details of life can sometimes lead to a form of worshipping the cosmic system. \

Satan is able to bless people with wealth, power, popularity and that needs to be in the forefront of every Bels mind.

[Luk 4:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/8/s_977008) Jesus replied to him, “It is written: ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

Jesus stays steadfast in the WORD!

/Deu 6:13 “You shall fear *only* the LORD your God; and **you shall worship Him and swear by His name**.

[Deu 10:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/deu/10/20/s_163020) “You shall fear the LORD your God; **you shall serve Him, and cling to Him,** and you shall swear by His name.\

Your priority of studying the word of God and having intimate fellowship with God is the most important time you can spend!

It is the one thing you do that educates you about real life and lifts your spiritual I.Q. higher.

[Luk 4:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/9/s_977009) And he brought Him into Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;

This was believed to be King Herod’s temple - patio (450 foot cliff). Look out on Kidron valley.

This also represented the power of government and Satan’s control over world leaders.

This was an attempt to destroy the humanity of Christ.

Satan knew if Jesus stepped outside the plan of God HIS humanity would be finished. Satan knew that GOD would be forced to supernaturally rescue the humanity of Christ which would destroy the earthly ministry of TLJC.

[Luk 4:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/10/s_977010) for it is written:
‘HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU, TO PROTECT YOU,’

[Luk 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/11/s_977011) and, ‘ON *THEIR* HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP, SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’”

Satan is a genius; he is quoting Psalm 91.

Satan and his fallen angels know scripture.

 Their arrogance makes them appear dumb but they are extremely clever!

Sadly, many Christians would fail if they were put up against a fallen angel in relation to a Biblical theology test.

For some Christians the reason you aren’t ready to go into spiritual battle is your enemy knows more about what you believe, than you do!

/[Luk 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/12/s_977012) And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been stated, **‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.**’”

The Bel can not live in the cosmic system and allow the OSN to rule and still maintain fellowship with GOD.\

The Bels of the Exodus generation are being highlighted because they kept rebelling against the plan of God.

Most of their rebellion was against the leaders GOD chose for them - Moses & Aaron. Teachers of the word!

Their OSN was allowed to take authority and they lived in emotional revolt of the soul.

 REPEAT

/Deu 6:16 “**You shall not put the LORD your God to the test,** as you tested *Him* at Massah.

You cannot, consistently reject the plan of God and HIS word and think you will be prepared for spiritual testing in the future.\

When GOD allows us to reap what we sow in the arena of emotions, it always snowballs quickly into a long stretch of misery.

/[Luk 4:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/4/13/s_977013) And *so* when the devil had finished every temptation, **he left Him until an opportune time**.

This means Satan will step to the side when he can not face a strong Bel. Yet it also insinuates that he is waiting to pounce again in the future.\

Bels need to be prepared by taking what our LORD did in the wilderness and apply that to their spiritual warfare.

/Jesus never allowed HIS weak area (hunger) to bring HIM into emotional waves. Jesus did not cry out in prayer to resolve the problem. Jesus was fully reliant upon the plan of God the Father and the filling power of God the HS. Jesus knew BD and used the accuracy of the WORD to stand HIS ground during the attack. Jesus never turned or ran, HE stood strong in truth.\

We are going to finish today going over basic costs of running the ministry. I do not include my food bills and many other bills I have to pay. I only include that which truly keeps the ministry running.

This is a completely grace-based ministry that sells nothing – it is completely dependent upon donations.

I am not a 5013C and I run it like a small business, but it is truly non-profit. No price appears on anything I offer.

/PRB Ministry costs of operation in 2022;

Final moving costs from camper into new home - $ 1,130.00

Vehicle maintained (repairs, new tires) - $1,455.00

Dry cleaning - $305.00

Po Box & mailing - $228.00

Office supplies - $325.00

Basic house maintenance -$2,677.25 \

/Legal (state & legal zoom) - $ 695.00

Home & car Ins. - $2,328.00

Health Ins and medical - $4,255.00

Electric bill - $1,920.00

Cable / Internet / cell - $3,985.00

Payments to IRS - $2,450.00

Accountant- $ 673.00

Website and online costs - $385.00 \

/DONATIONS - $2,225.00

Child Fund Grace Bible Church

Blue letter Bible Paralyzed vets

Wounded Warrior Project Veritas

Local Firefighters Local Homeless

Local animal shelter

Profit for PRB Ministry after all these costs (several other day-to-day living costs as well) - $ 36,500.00 \

Now let us close by keeping our congregation in prayer…without these faithful students of the WORD this ministry would fold up!

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