



- Luke 4:1-13



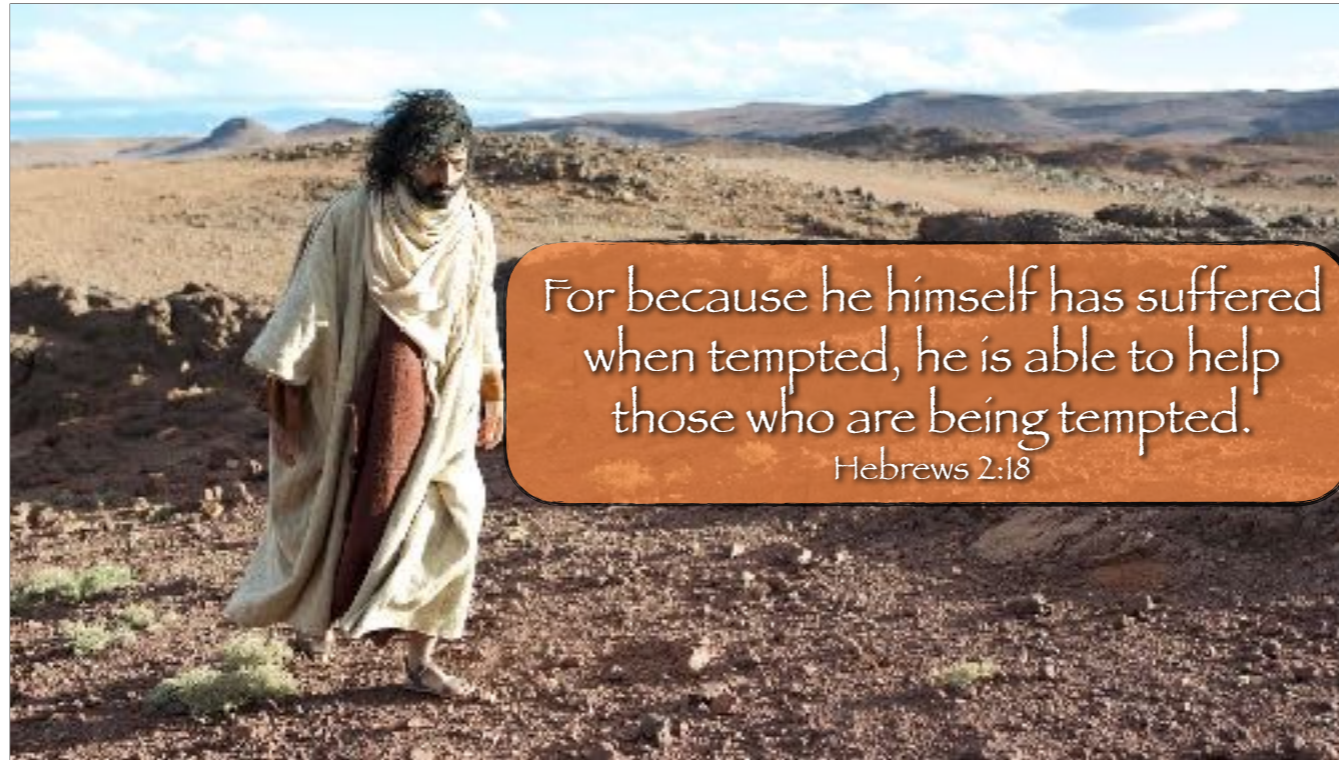
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James 1:14

- James 1:13-15 (ESV) 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

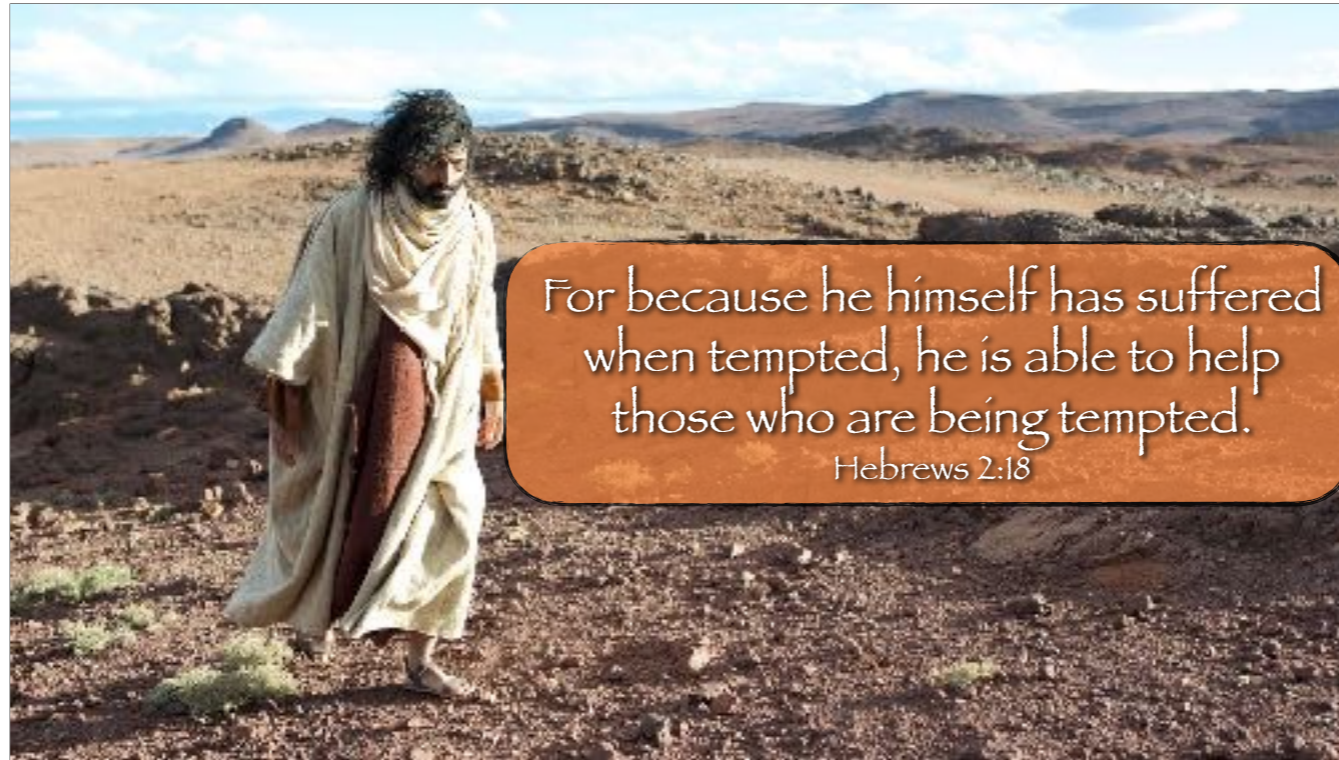


- Matthew 18:7 “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!”



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when tempted, he is able to help
those who are being tempted.
Hebrews 2:18

- Hebrews 2:14-18 (ESV)
- 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
- he himself likewise partook of the same things,
- that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
- 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
- 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.



- 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,
- so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God,
- to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted,
- he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- Jesus has every human desire
- He suffered when tempted.
 - It was not easy for him to overcome.
 - None of us know how hard that is
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- 1 And Jesus,
- full of the Holy Spirit,
- returned from the Jordan
- and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days,
- being tempted by the devil.



- An opportune time:
 - Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an **opportune time**.
 - Genesis 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”
 - Was Jesus in the wrong place? In wilderness, alone?



- full of the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus has just been baptized, spent time fasting, full of the Spirit
 - Even when you are feeling very strong spiritually.
- Temptation Can Happen at Anytime, and it doesn't stop



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Luke 4:1-2

- Tactics of the Devil
 - Just because the devil finds an opportune time, doesn't mean that we are currently sinning or close to sinning. We may be doing nothing wrong ... but Satan knows how to manipulate.
- Necessity
 - fasting for forty days - hungry, famished
 - we rationalize actions because we are in need.

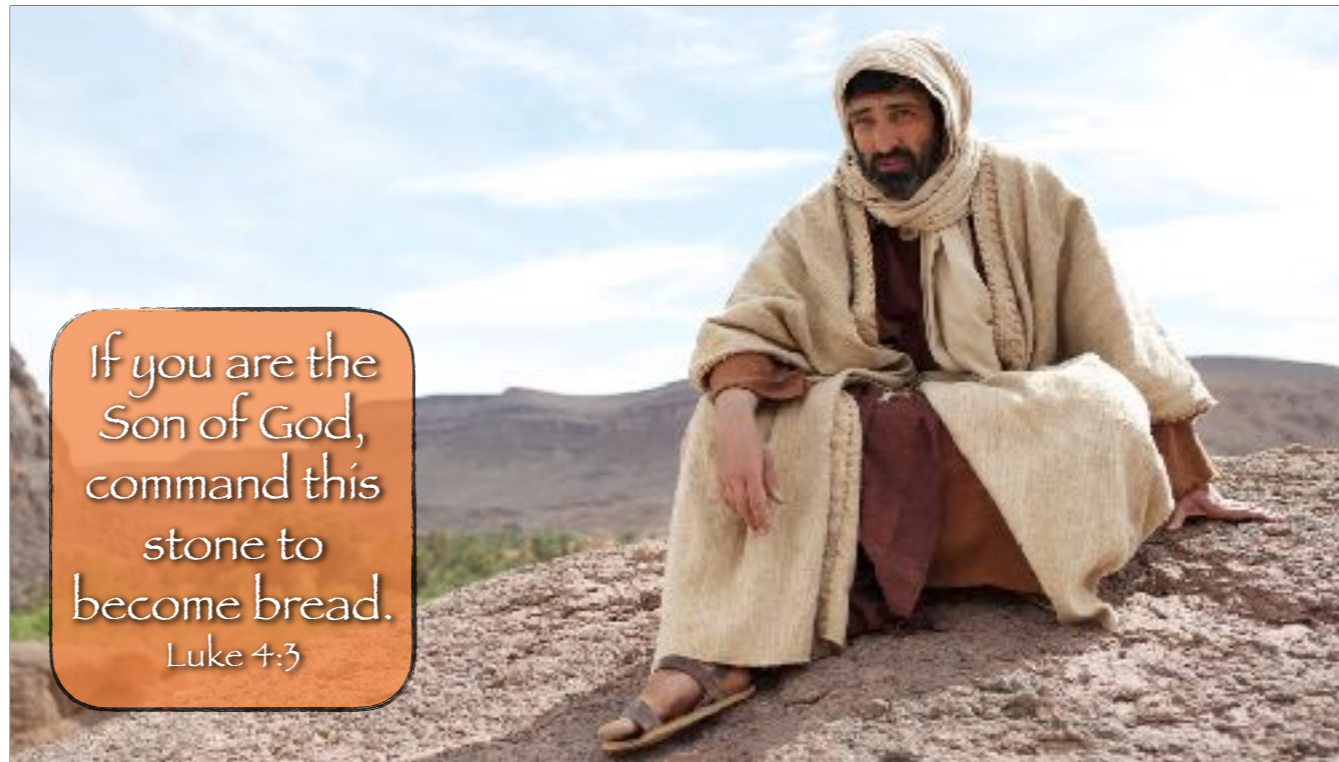


- Deceit
 - kingdoms of the world
 - It has been delivered to me
 - I will give all this authority and glory
 - I give to whom I will
 - it will all be yours
 - Often when we are tempted we are willing to deceive ourselves.
 - This one cookie won't matter ...



- Scripture

- The Devil used scripture
 - not even too much out of context ... sounds reasonable
 - The devil doesn't just approach us with something that is blatantly evil ... instead what seems good.
- There are times when we do what we want to do, and try to justify it as something that is holy.



If you are the
Son of God,
command this
stone to
become bread.
Luke 4:3

- Luke 4:3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”



- Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"
- Deuteronomy 8:1-6
 - Jehovah led them in the wilderness: to humble and test what was in heart
 - Let you hunger ... fed with man
 - 3 that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone,
 - but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah.



- Exodus 16

- No food in the wilderness
- grumbled against Moses and Aaron (2)
- grumbled against Jehovah (7)
- Jehovah: rain bread from heaven
 - gather a days portion every day
 - test them — walk in my law or not?
 - gather more than a days portion: stockpiling (in case it's not there tomorrow?)
 - gather more because of greediness?
 - “Give us this day our daily bread”: Mt. 6.11



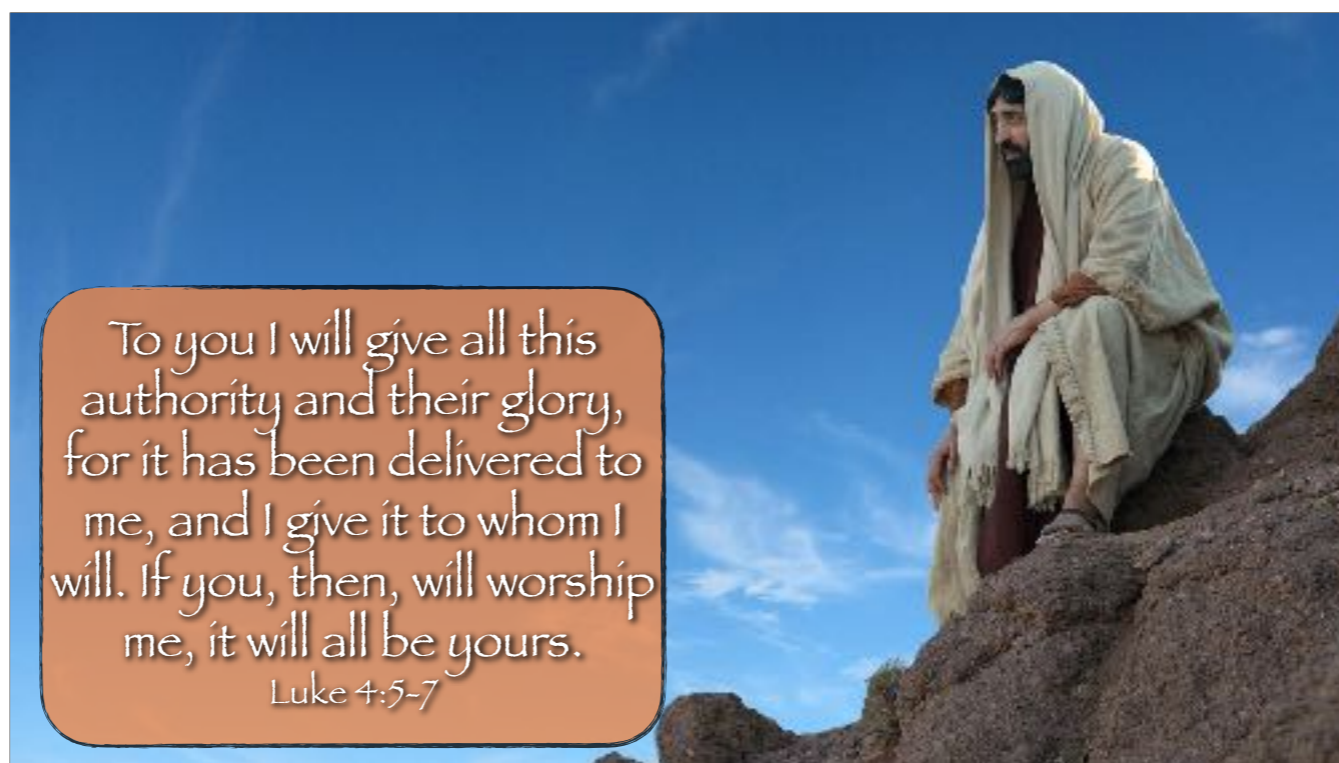
- Deut. 8
 - clothing didn't wear out (4)
 - feet didn't swell (4)
 - bringing to good land (7)
- Why did Jesus respond with this scripture?
 - If Jesus had turned the stones into bread he would have been depending on his own strength to provide for his needs instead of waiting for his father to provide for him.
 - (Would he have been doing essentially the same thing as the Israelites?)



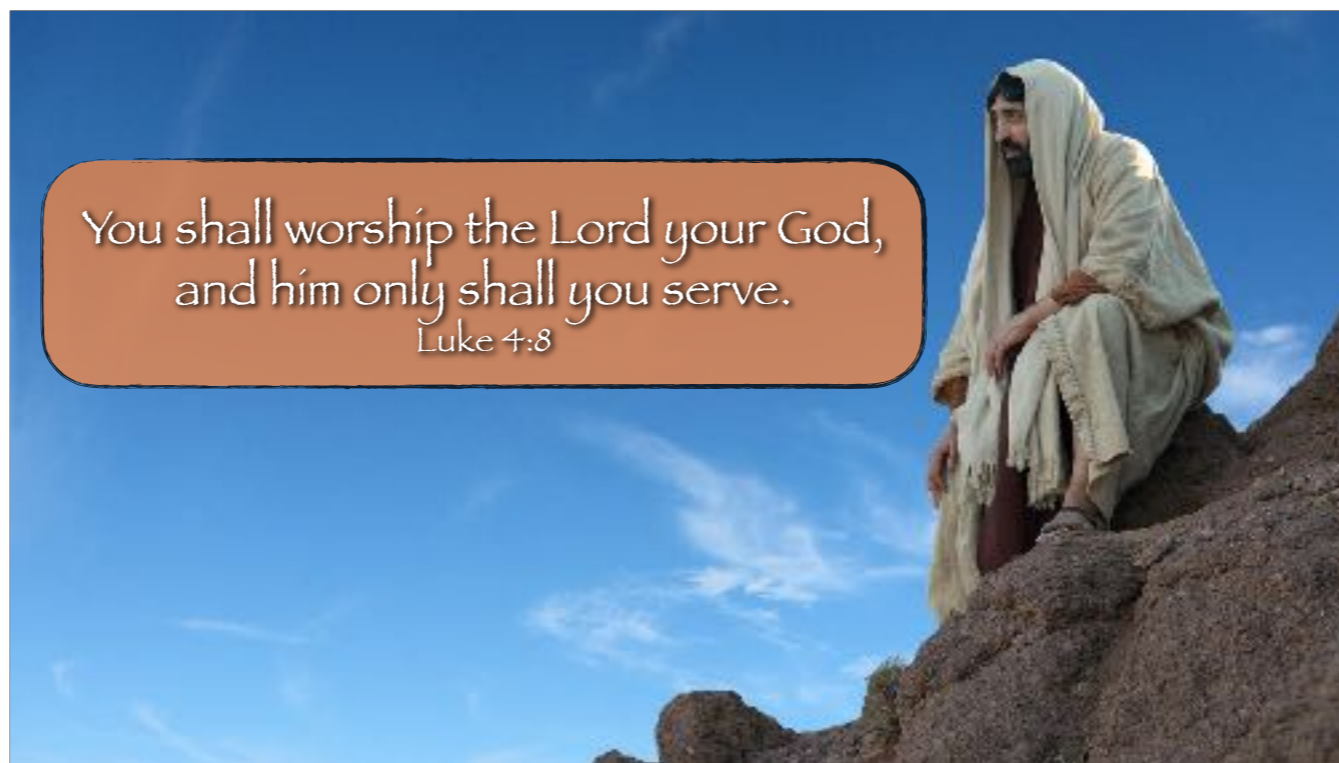
- How does this help Jesus to help me when I am tempted?
 - We all have physical needs and times of scarcity, longing for more, uncertainty
 - Do we grumble against God?
 - Do we wish for the past, thinking that it was better not to be a believer in Jesus?
 - Do we fail to recognize the blessings God has provided?
 - Do you decide to depend only on yourself, use your own strength and congratulate yourself for what you have?



- Jesus knows ...
 - He did have the power to turn stones to bread
 - Instead he focused on trusting Jehovah his father.
 - Give us this day our daily bread.

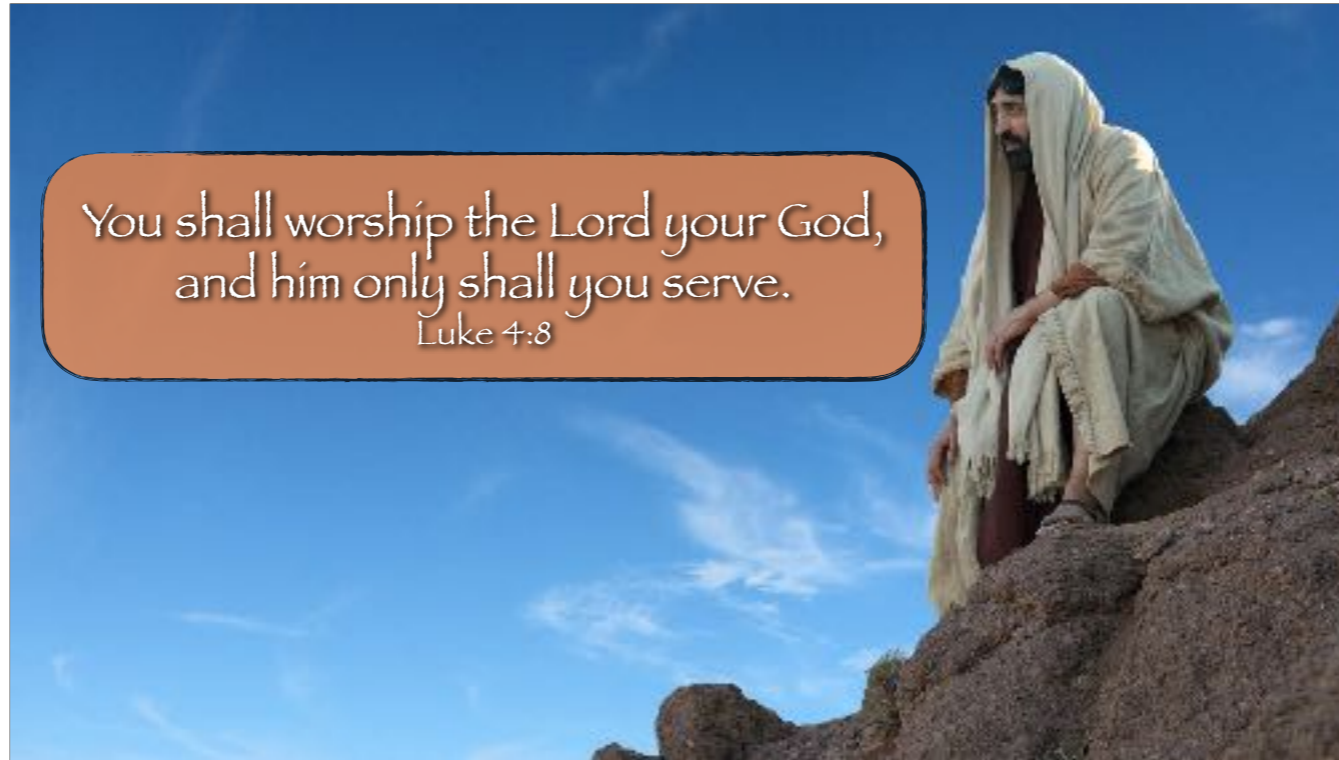


- Luke 4:5-7 (ESV) 5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”



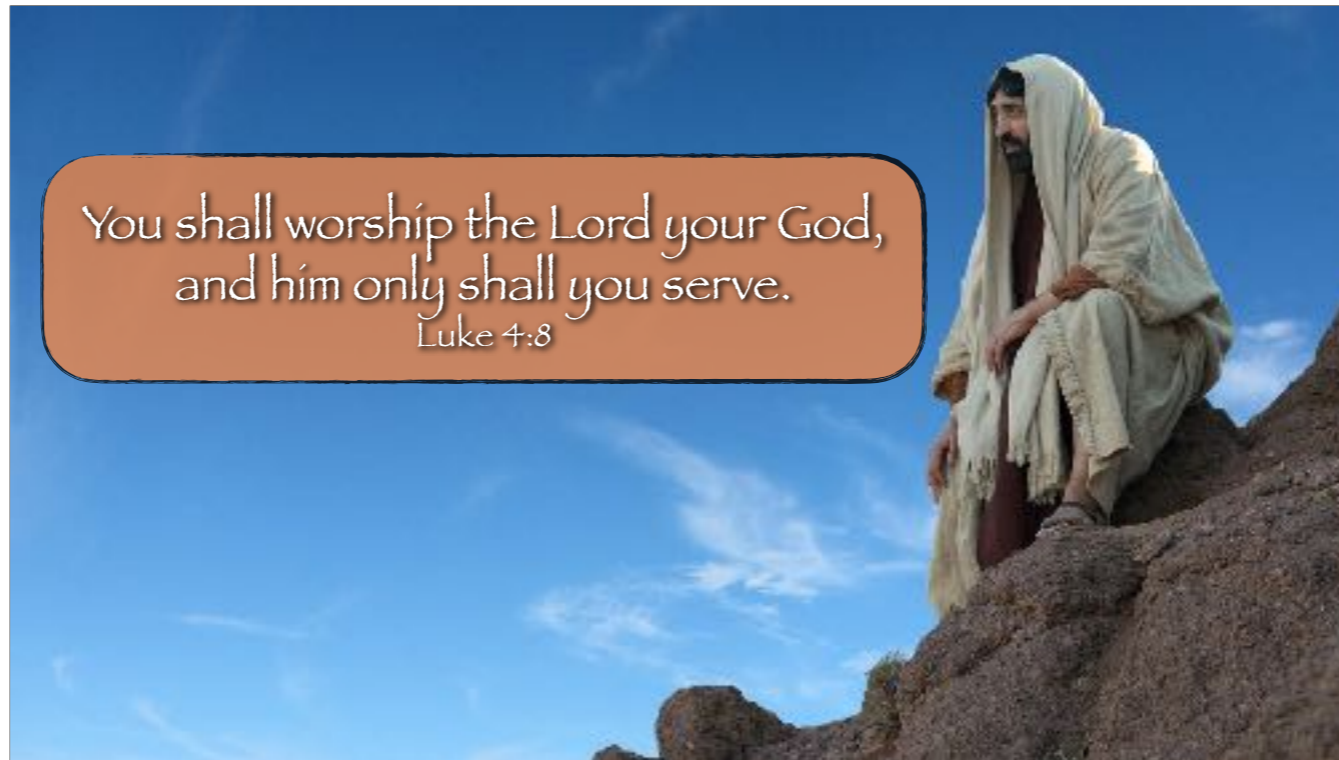
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Luke 4:8

- Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”
- Deuteronomy 6:10-15
 - When Jehovah brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers
 - Great and good cities
 - houses full of good things
 - cisterns you didn’t dig
 - vineyards and olive trees
 - eat and are full

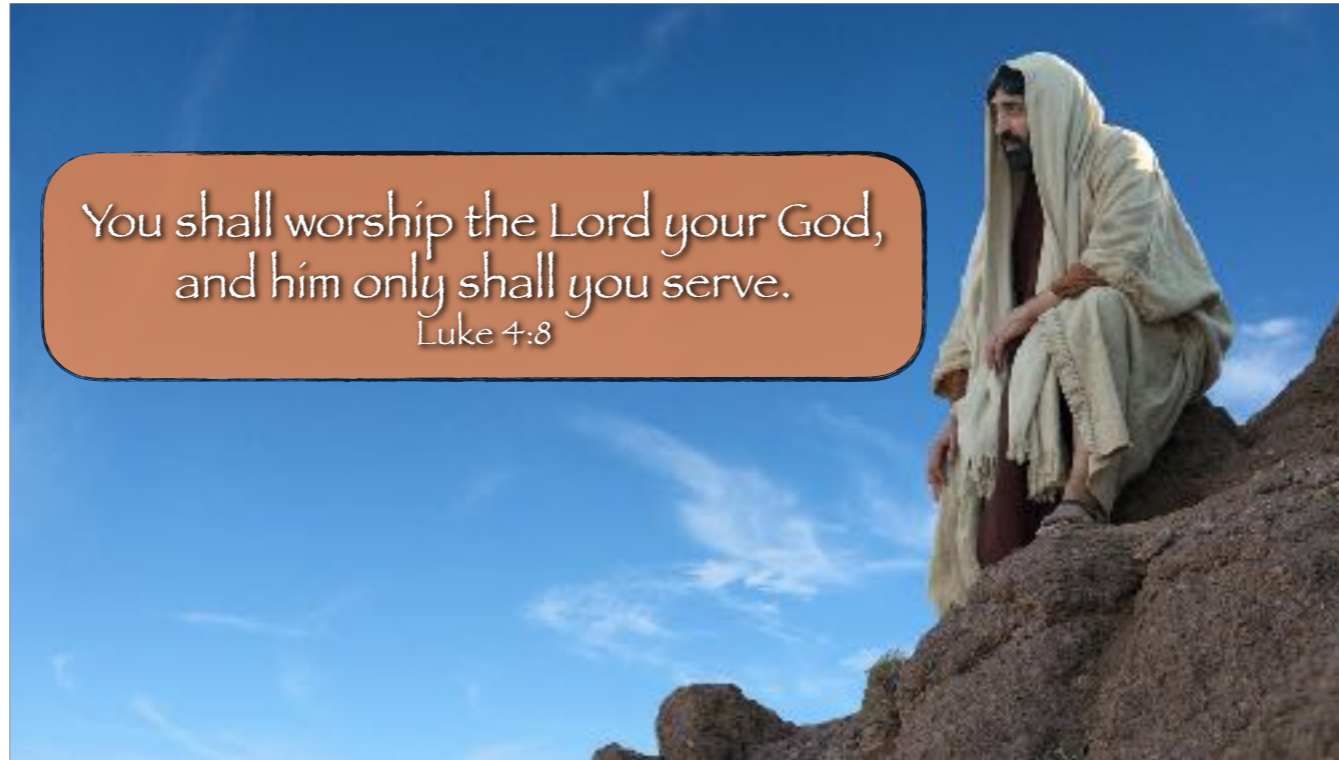


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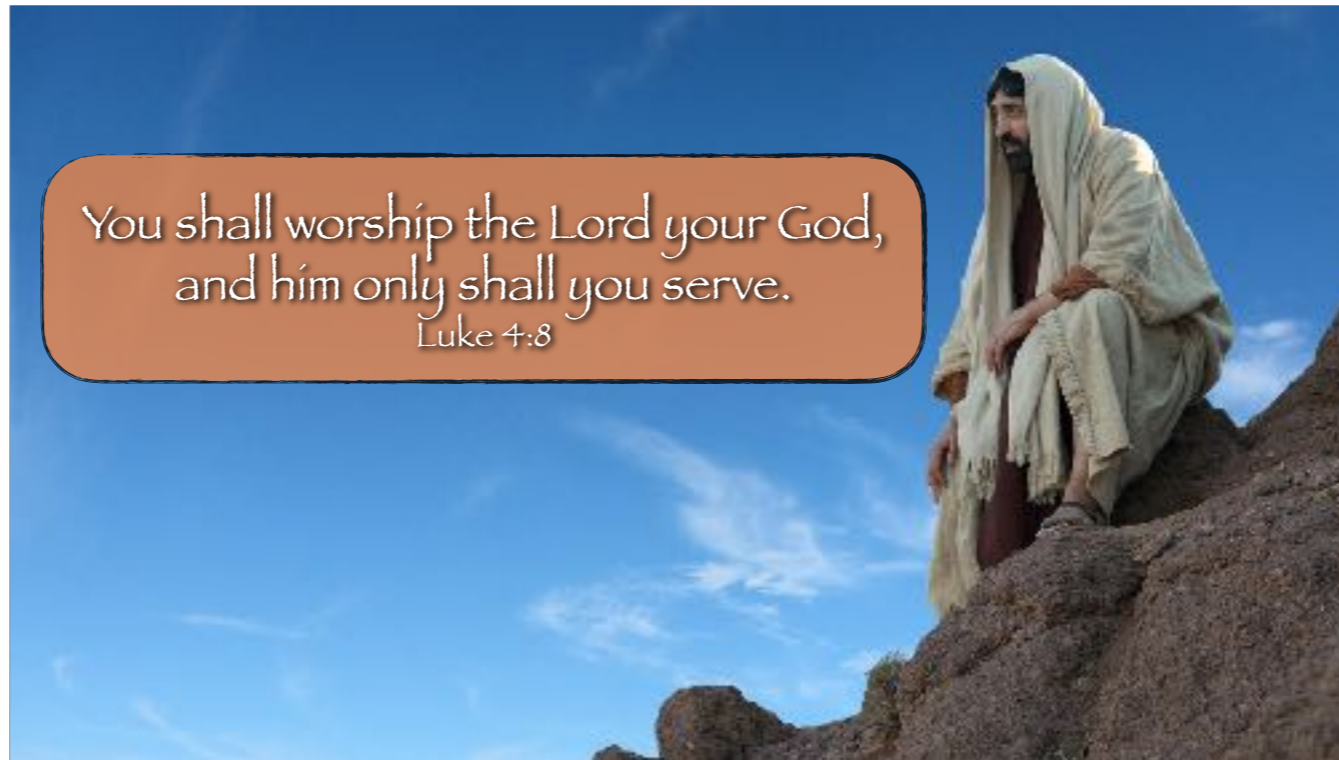
- 12: take care lest you forget Jehovah
 - 13: Jehovah you shall fear
 - 13: Him you shall serve
 - 14: not go after other gods



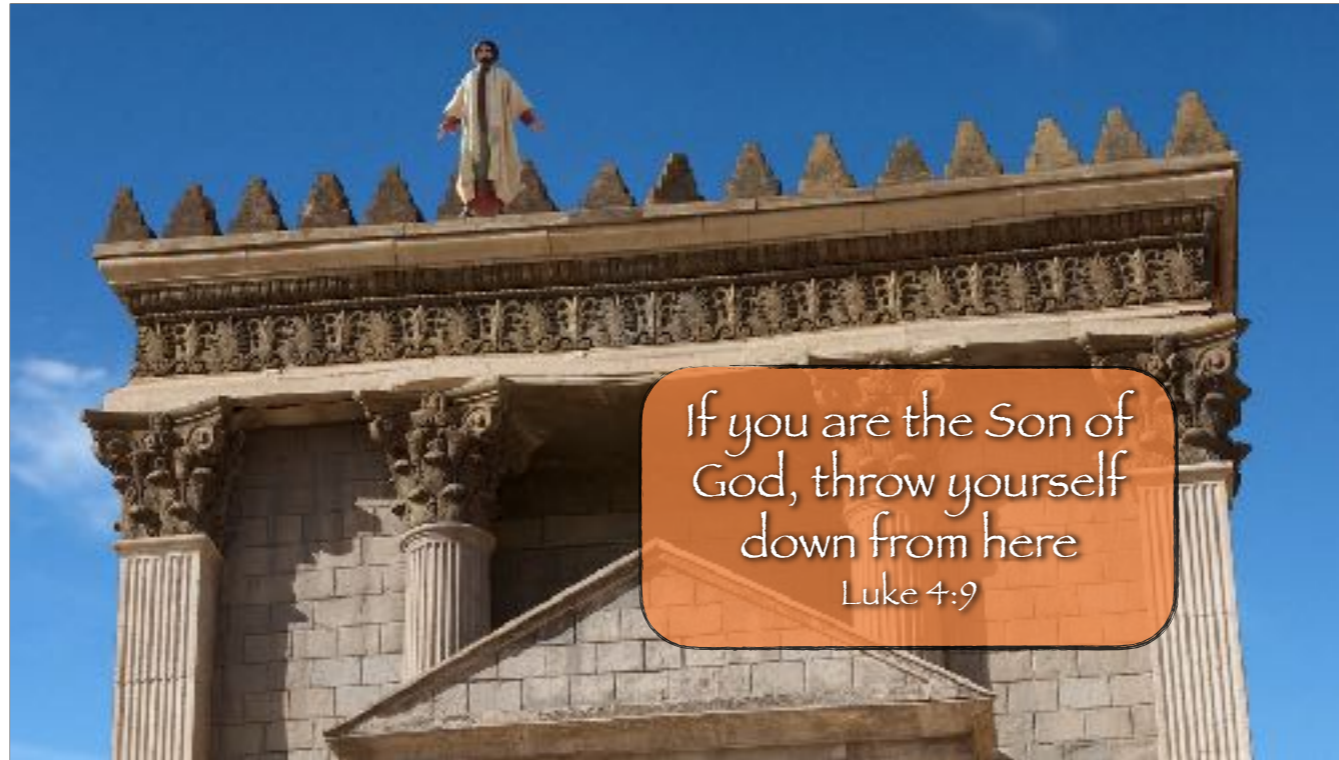
- Satan is offering Jesus so much ... all kingdoms and glory, authority (he's lying)
 - Would Jesus be willing to accept, thus "forgetting" His Father's plan?
 - Wouldn't just a brief, insincere moment of worship be easier than what was planned?
 - All the kingdoms (more!)
 - Faster than preaching, more sure
 - Everyone could be saved?
 - If Jesus worshipped Satan, who really has all authority and glory?



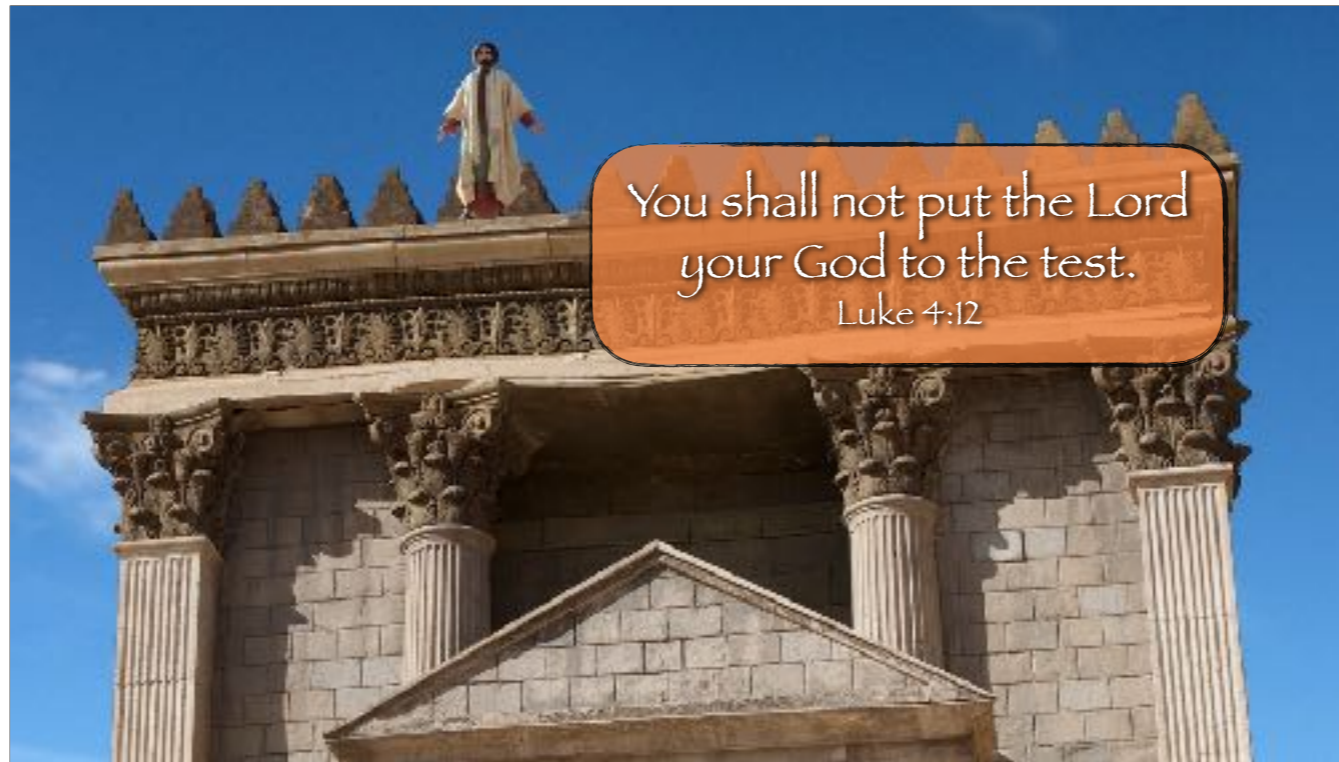
- We are often tempted this way
 - Discontentment with what we have
 - the desire for more, easier, faster
 - impatiently waiting for God's plan
 - Are we sometimes willing to forget Jehovah and achieve these things our own way?
 - not that we don't know him, but we forget to honor him and his wisdom



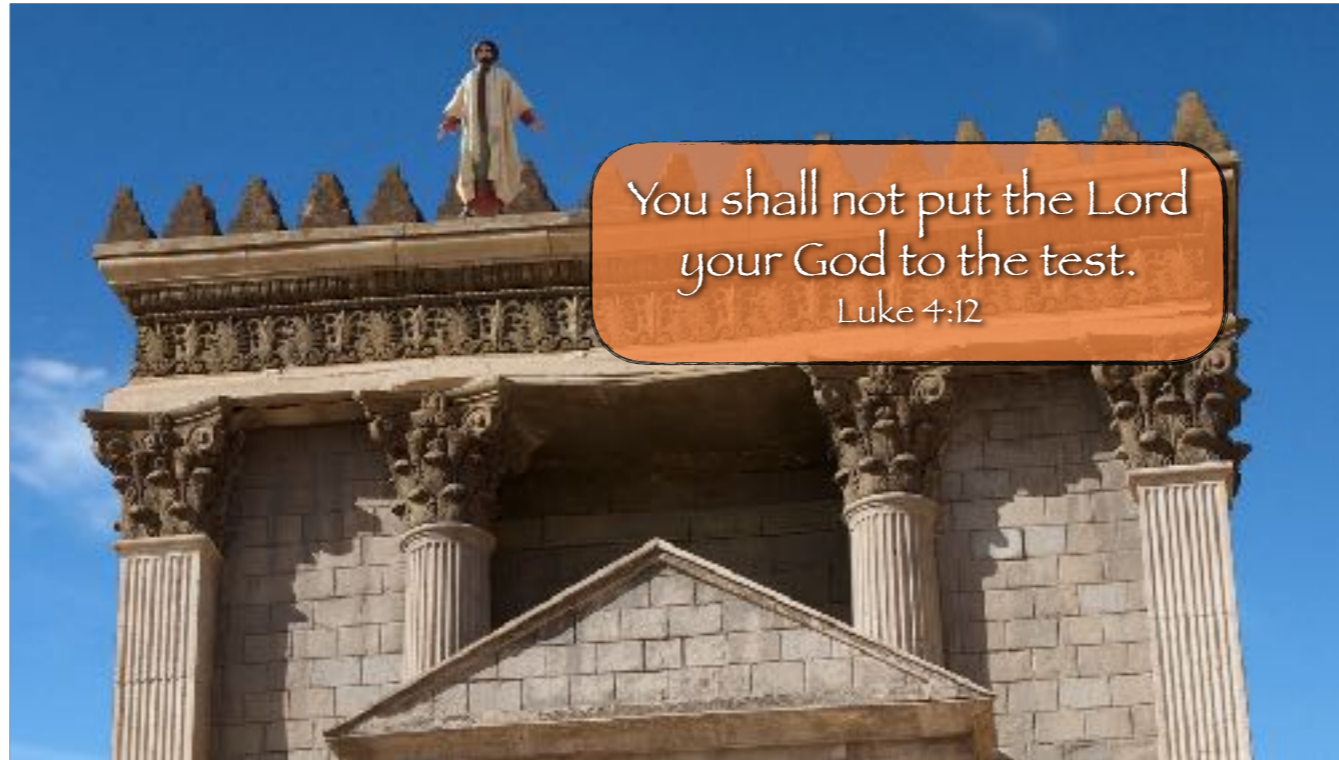
- How does this help Jesus to help me?
 - Jesus could have (theoretically) attained God's plan without suffering or waiting.
 - He understands what it's like to be offered other ways of getting things done.
 - He understands that it may sound wise, pragmatic.



- Luke 4:9-11 (ESV) 9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ 11 and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”
- Do you really trust your Father or not?
 - Look at what he has clearly said
 - He’s guaranteed that nothing bad will happen
 - He will take extraordinary care of you
 - If your really believe what He says, you’ll do this

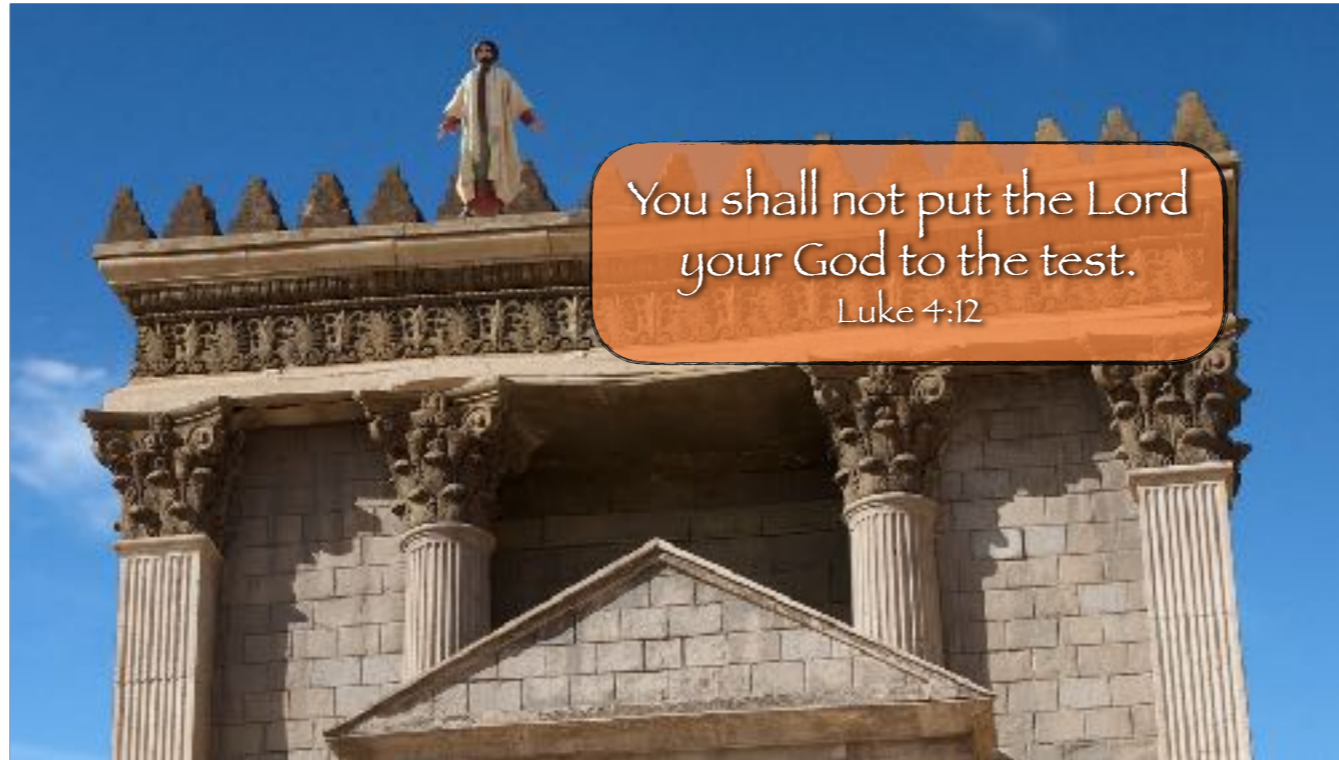


- Luke 4:12 (ESV) 12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- Deuteronomy 6:16 "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

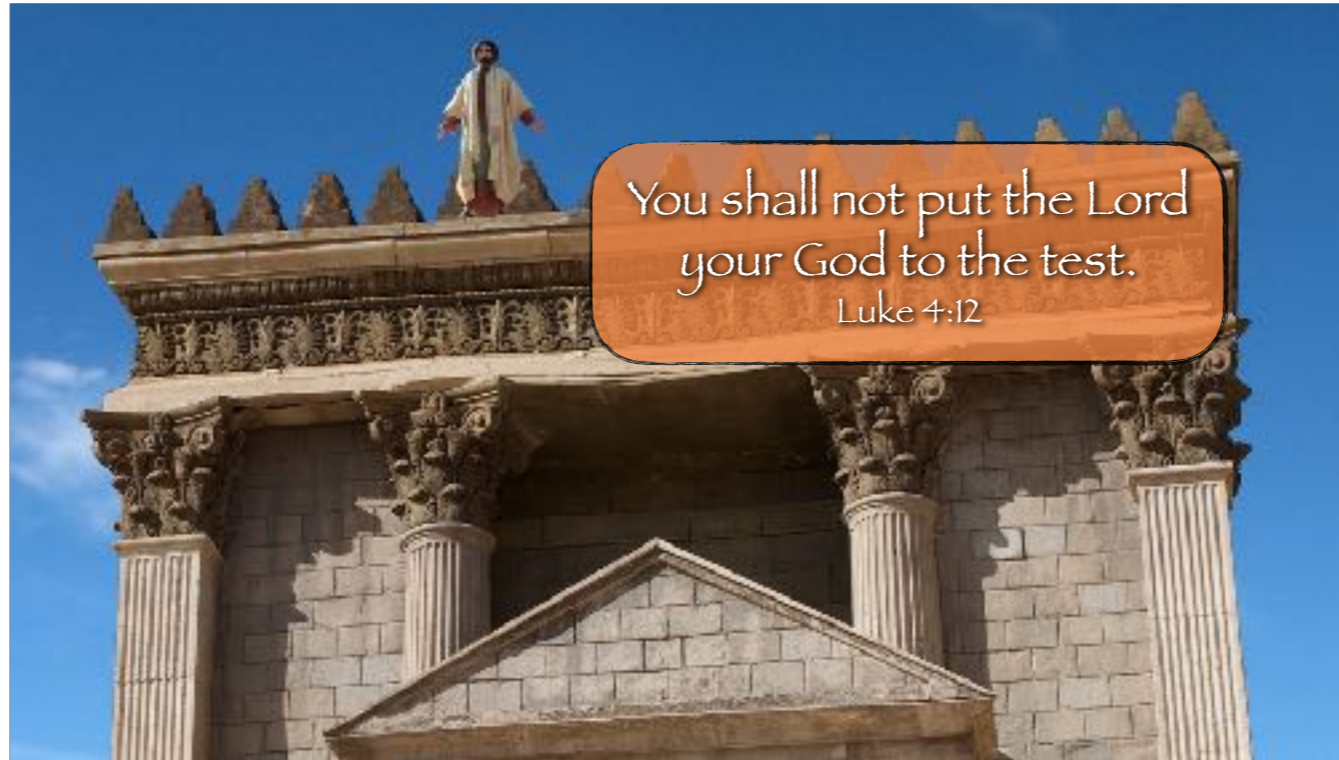


- Exodus 17:1-7

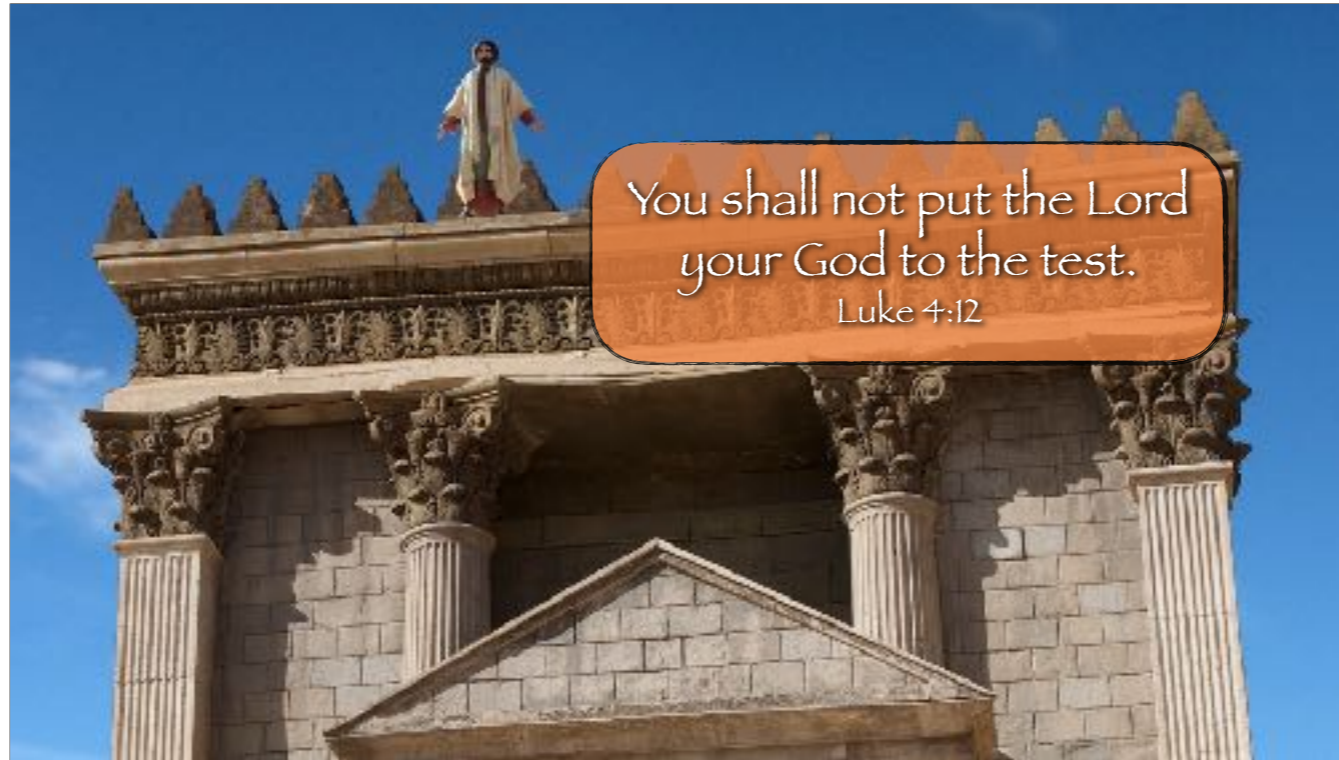
- 1. No water for the people to drink
- 2. People quarreled with Moses: "Give us water to drink"
- 2. Moses: "Why do you test Jehovah?"
 - 7. quarreling of the people of Israel
 - 7. they tested Jehovah by saying "Is Jehovah among us or not?"
 - They were seeking for God to prove himself — as I define it, by my standards
 - (Water)



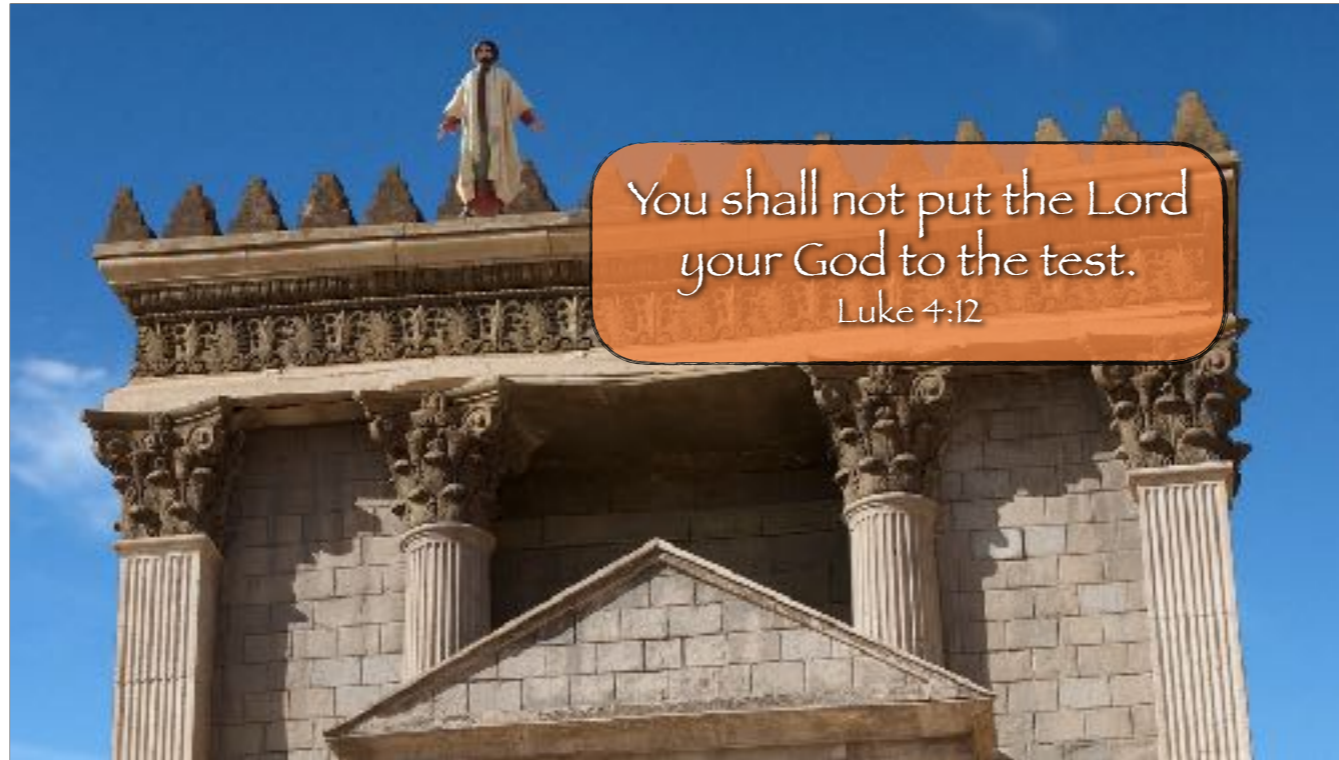
- If Jesus threw himself off the temple
 - Based on misinterpretation of Psalm 91
 - Jesus would be challenging God to prove himself: are you with me or not?
 - If God is with me, he'll take care of me, nothing bad will happen to me.
 - "God keeps his promises ... I want to show Satan that"



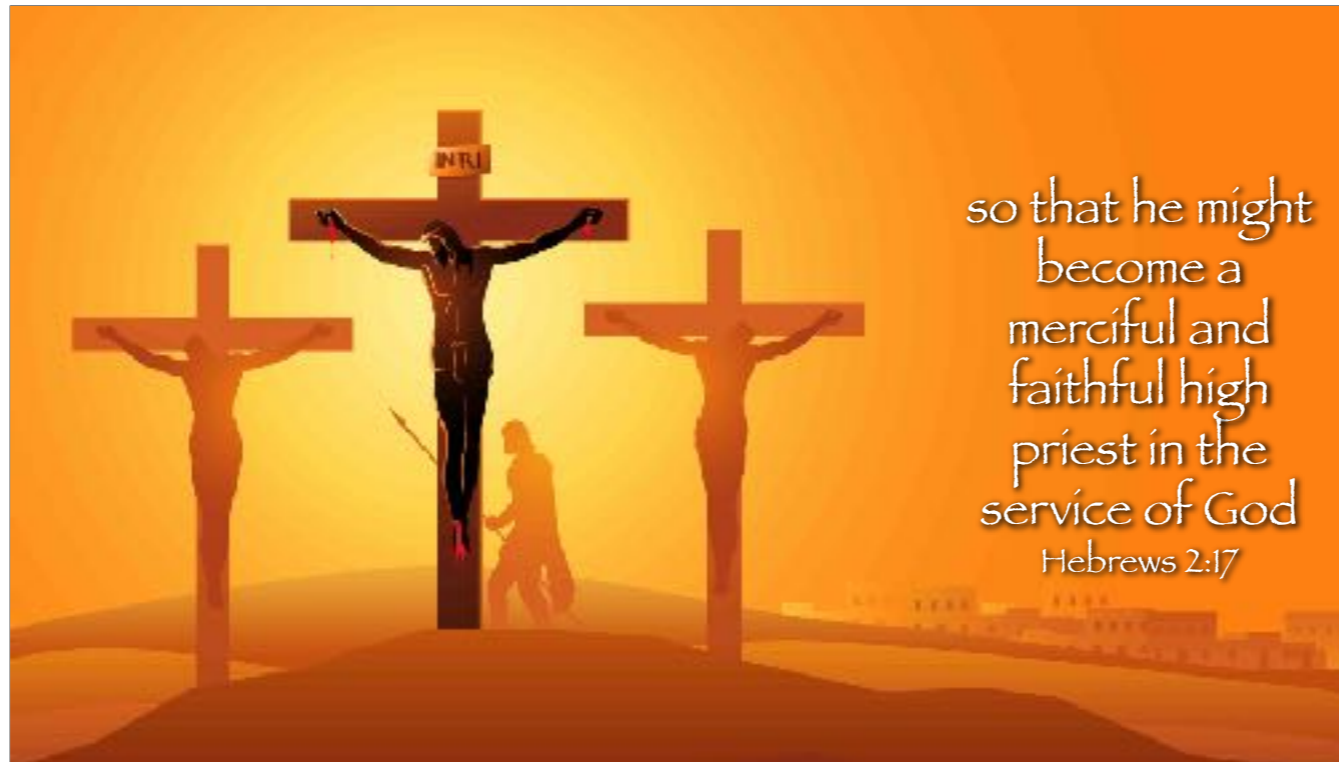
- If something bad does happen, then God has not kept his word (questioning God) and so I lose faith in him.
 - Very bad things have happened to many of God's people ... yet they didn't lose faith.
 - Job suffered through death and pain and friends
 - Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers
 - Daniel was taken captive to Babylon



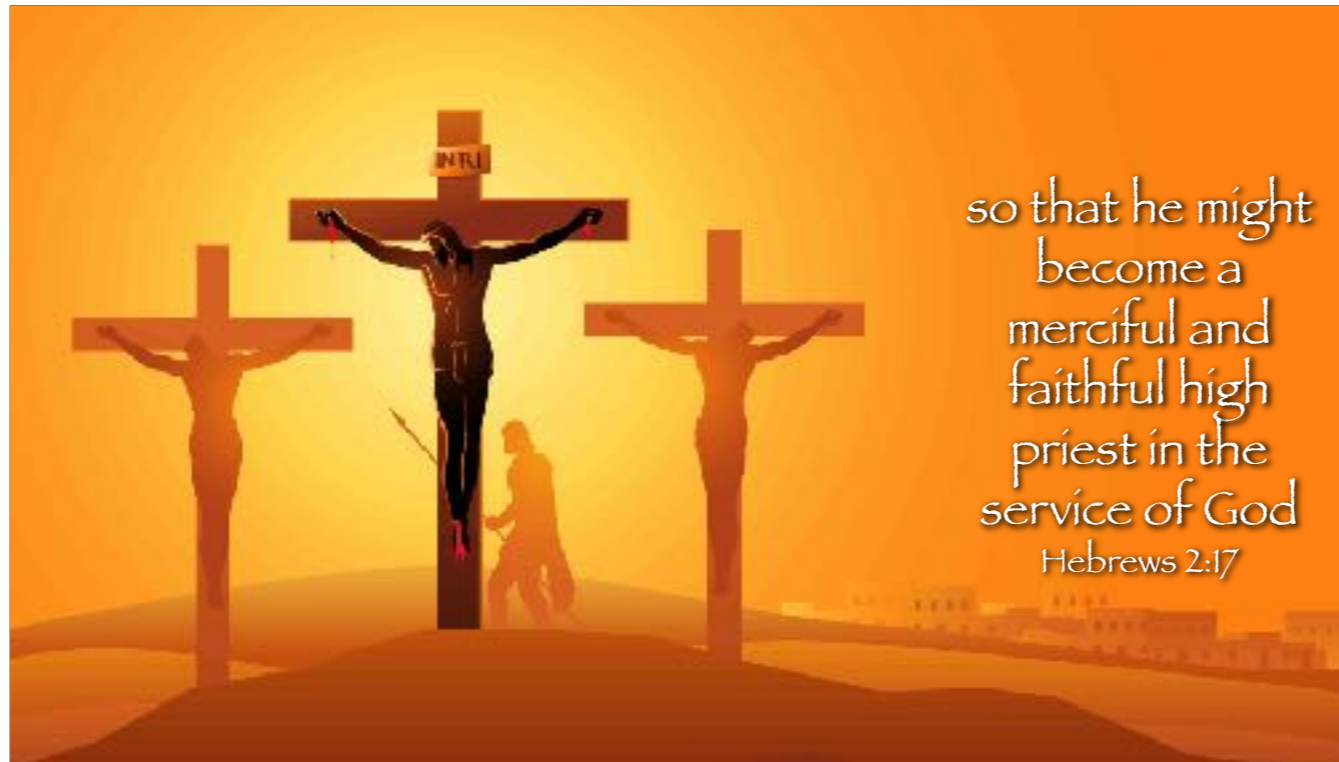
- Do you ever find yourself testing Jehovah?
 - This is very real ... it happens (not as obviously as the devil)
 - Is God really keeping his promises for me?
 - My family is hurting? Where's God?
 - I'm struggling with my health? Where's God? Why haven't you healed me?
 - I'm broke and can't feed my family? Why haven't you given me money?
 - When the struggles come, do we question the power, presence, and the goodness of God?



- How does this help Jesus to help me?
 - He knows what it's like to be tempted to put God to the test.
 - Maybe even to show that his Father will do what he says and keep his promises.
 - Jesus knows how to trust when trust is hard, even inconceivable.



- Hebrews 2:17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- What does it mean that Jesus is a merciful and faithful high priest?



- Merciful reminds us of his compassion and the help he gives.
 - When we are tempted, he understands how difficult it is to resist.
 - He knows the struggle
 - But he also helps through his teaching and his example. We know that it's not futile.
 - We can overcome the temptation.
 - Merciful also means that he understands about sin
 - Not that he approves.
- Faithful reminds us that although we sin, he came to save us.



- 1 Peter 5:8-9 (ESV) 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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The Tempter Came

Luke 4:1-13

Synopsis: Jesus was tempted so that he could help us when we are tempted. In this lesson we look at the passages Jesus quoted in answering the tempter's temptations.

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