

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 11, 1983

The Temptation of Christ
Part 2
Matthew 4:1-11
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Fighting:

Verse 2: Christ became hungry. Now Satan sees this need for food, tempts Christ in this area.

Verse 3: Satan says, “If you are the Son of God command the stones to become bread.” Christ came to be identified with man, to meet the difficulties of this life as man.
Matthew 12:28, Luke 4:14, 4:18 All of the miraculous works Jesus performed were in the power of the Spirit.

Verse 4: Jesus is saying man (He is identified with man) does not live on bread alone, but on the word of God. God will take care of us.

Verse 6: Satan says, “Throw yourself down for it is written, angels will bear you up.”
Psalm 91, this Psalm is written to all who trust in God.

Verse 7: Jesus says, “Do not test the Lord.” **Deuteronomy 6** To put God to a test demonstrates a lack of faith in God. Psalm 91 does not teach us to jump off pinnacles but to trust in God. If we were to jump off pinnacles we would be dictating to God what should take place rather than trusting in God.

Verse 9: Satan says, “All you need to do is worship me and you will not have to endure the cross.”

Verse 10: Jesus says, “Be gone Satan! For it is written, ‘you shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”