



## Luke 4:1-15

### Jesus Is Tempted in the Wilderness

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### The Holy Spirit Leads Jesus in the Wilderness Temptation

#### Luke 4:1, 2 (LEB)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days, and when they were **completed**, he was hungry.

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### Satan Challenges Jesus' Sonship

#### Luke 4:3, 4 (LEB)

So the devil said to him, "If you are **the Son of God**, order this stone that it become **bread!**" And Jesus replied to him, "It is written, 'Man will not live on bread alone.'"

- This challenges God's statement at Jesus' baptism (Luke 3:21-22)
- Jesus as God's Son is thematic here
- Wilderness "bread" – Ex. 16:3; Deut. 8:3

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### Satan's Deceptive Offer

#### Luke 4:5-7 (LEB)

And he led him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to him, "I will give you all this domain and their glory, because it has been handed over to me, and I can give it to whomever I want. So if you will worship before me, all this will be yours."

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## God Offered the Nations to the Son

### Psalm 2:7, 8 (LEB)

I will tell the decree; Yahweh said to me: "You are my son; today I have begotten you. **Ask from me and I will make the nations your heritage, and your possession the ends of the earth.**"

- Jesus will reign: Luke 1:32, 33; Dan. 7:14
- Acts 17:26 shows that God draws out boundaries and rules nations

## Jesus Is the Faithful Son Who Obeys God's Word

### Luke 4:8 (LEB)

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

- Adam is called "God's son" in Luke 3:38
- Adam failed when tempted, rebelling against God's word
- Jesus as God's Son overcomes temptation

## Israel Was God's Son

### Exodus 4:22 (LEB)

And you must say to Pharaoh, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Israel is my son, my firstborn.'"

### Hosea 11:1 (LEB)

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

- Israel was tempted in the wilderness and failed ; Jesus perfectly obeyed

## Temptation to Act Presumptuously

### Luke 4:9-11 (LEB)

And he brought him to Jerusalem, and had him stand on the highest point of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'on their hands they will lift you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

## Jesus Is the Faithful Son of God

### Luke 4:12 (LEB)

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'You are not to put to the test the Lord your God.'"

### Luke 4:13 (LEB)

And when the devil had **completed every temptation**, he departed from him until a favorable time.

- "Completed" is *sunteleo* and is an inclusio with *sunteleo* in Luke 4:2

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## Israel/Jesus Analogy

- Israel was led by God into the wilderness, as was Jesus.
- Israel "rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit" (Isaiah 63:10), but Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and obeyed.
- Israel was allowed to hunger to learn one does not live by bread alone (Deut. 8:3).
- Israel was instructed to worship only God (Deut. 6:13).
- Israel was told to not put God to the test (Deut. 6:16).
- Unlike Israel, Jesus obeyed these Scriptures.

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## Implications and Applications

- We must not tempt God by purposely going into solitude and silence
- We are to ask God not to lead us into temptation but to provide forgiveness, bread, and the hope of the future kingdom

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## Not Silence but the Word

### Colossians 3:16 (LEB)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, **teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom, with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs**, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God,

- Solitude and silence do not help
- Answering temptation with Scripture is active, not passive or silent

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## The Lord's Prayer

### **Luke 11:2-4 (LEB)**

And he said to them, "When you pray, say, "Father, may your name be treated as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation."

- [This prayer address issues that arose in Jesus' temptation](#)