

Title: "Tried & True"

Text: Ephesians 6:10: Finally, be *strong* in the Lord and in the *strength* of his might.

Target: God does not promise to deliver us FROM Spiritual Warfare, but THROUGH Spiritual Warfare!

Teaching Principles: Matthew 4:1-11

1. **A Tension Recognized:** "Then Jesus was **led** up by the Spirit into the wilderness" (Vs. 1)
 - a. **The Spirit's Leading:** "to be tempted by the devil" (Vs. 1)
 - b. **The Savior's Lacking:** "after forty days and forty nights, he was hungry" (Vs. 1)

Key Verse: Hebrews 4:15: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in **every respect** has been **tempted** as we are, **yet without sin**"

2. **A Temptation Personalized:** "the tempter came and said to him, **If** you are the Son of God" (Vs. 3)
 - a. **Provide for Yourself (Appetite-Satisfaction-)** "**Command** these stones to become loaves of bread" (Vs. 4)

Satan's Lie: God's Not Good so Doubt God.

Key Concept: Lust of the Flesh: I deserve it! **Causing: Adam: FEAR Jesus: FAITH**

- b. **Prove Yourself (Ambition-Success)** "If you are the Son of God, **throw** yourself down" (Vs. 6)

Satan's Lie: Your God so Deny God.

Key Concept: Lust of the Eyes: I'm entitled to it! **Causing: Adam: GUILT Jesus: GRACE**

- c. **Promote Yourself (Approval-Significant)** "All these I will give you, if you will **fall** down and **worship** me." (Vs. 9)

Satan's Lie: No Consequences so Defy God.

Key Concept: Pride of Life: I am it! **Causing: Adam: SHAME Jesus: SONSHIP**

3. A Testimony Galvanized: "Be gone, Satan!" (Vs.10)

- a. **Kingdom Authority: 2 Cor. 10:4:** "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have **divine power** to **destroy strongholds**".
- b. **Biblical Inerrancy:** "It is Written" (3x) (Vs. 4,7,10)
- c. **Spiritual Priority: Galatians 5:16:** "**walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh"
- d. **Personal Victory:** "Then the devil left him" (Vs. 11)
 - i. **1 Cor. 10:13:** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful..

- ii. **Ephesians 4:27:** *Give no opportunity to the Devil.*
- iii. **Col. 3:16:** *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*
- iv. **2 Cor. 10:5:** *Take every thought captive to obey Christ.*

Take Away: NOT TODAY SATAN!