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!