

☞ The Seed of God's Word ☛

Unit C3 - Lesson 1: Temptation by the Devil

Lesson Prayer

Gracious Father, as you led Jesus into the desert by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we draw on that same Spirit in your times of temptation. Help us to put aside those things that tempt and distract us from your mission so that we might focus on sharing the good news of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

After his Baptism by John in the River Jordan:

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God and him only shall you serve.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14 - 3:2a

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Jesus] 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, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him.



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