

The Tempter Matt.4:3

Matt 4:1-3

1 Then was **Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.**
2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
3 And when the **(1)tempter** came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.(KJV)

Definitions:(1) tempter-3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo);from 3984; **to test** (objectively), i.e. endeavor, **scrutinize, entice, discipline:** KJV-- assay, **examine**, go about, **prove**, tempt (-er), try.from the base of 4008 (through the idea of piercing); **a test**, i.e. attempt, experience: KJV-- assaying, **trial.**

Matt 4:3 ... the tempter came to him, (KJV)

Job 1:8-12

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?
9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, **Doth Job fear God for nought?**
10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.
11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and **he will curse thee to thy face.**
12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.(KJV)

Job 2:3-10

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and **still he holdeth fast his (1)integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.**
4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.
5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and **he will curse thee to thy face.**
6 **And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.**
7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.
9 **Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine (1)integrity? curse God, and die.**
10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)integrity-8538 tummah (toom-maw'); feminine of 8537; **innocence:** KJV--

integrity.

Luke 22:31-34

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.(KJV)

1Thes 3:3-5

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were with you, **we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.**

5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means **the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.**(KJV)

Jude 1:8-9

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and **speak evil of dignities.**

9 **Yet Michael the archangel,** when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, **durst not bring against him a railing accusation,** but said, **The Lord rebuke thee.**

CHRISTIANS MUST RESPECT THE POWERS OF THE TEMPTER, BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO FOLLOW HIS WISHES

Matt 4:3 ... command that these stones be made bread. (KJV)

Gen 3:1-6

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.(KJV)

Exod 16:1-3

1 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel

came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.(KJV)

Ps 78:12-22

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:(KJV)

Heb 11:24-29

24 **By faith Moses**, when he was come to years, **refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;**

25 **Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;**

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.(KJV)

Heb 12:13-17

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

14 Follow **peace** with all men, and **holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.(KJV)

**SOME SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES OF
CHRIST REFUSING THE WISHES OF THE TEMPTER. BEING FULL OF THE
SPIRIT WAS THE KEY.**

Luke 4:1-8

1 And **Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into **the wilderness, (THE WORLD)**

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.(KJV)

Matt 4:11

11 Then **the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.**(KJV)

Luke 4:13-14

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

14 And **Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:** and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.(KJV)

Luke 4:6 ... All this power will I give thee, (KJV)

John 8:43-45

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.(KJV)

2 Cor 11:14-15

14 **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.(KJV)

Rev 12:7-12

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**(KJV)

Luke 4:6 ... and the glory of them: (KJV)

1 Pet 1:22-25

22 **Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.(KJV)

Luke 4:6 ... and to whomsoever I will I give it. (KJV)

John 14:30

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and **hath nothing in me.**(KJV)

Eph 2:1-3

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
2 Wherein in time past (1)ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)ye walked-4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from 4012 and 3961; to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about).1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life

Rev 13:6-8

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 **And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them:** and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.(KJV)

MORE SCRIPTURAL HELP IN WITHSTANDING THE TEMPTER!

John 12:31-32

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be **(1)lifted up from the earth**, will draw all men unto me.(KJV)

Definition: (1) **lifted up**-5312 hupsoo (hoop-so'-o);from 5311; to elevate (literally or figuratively): KJV-- exalt, lift up.

Rom 12:9-21

9 Let love be without dissimulation. **(1)Abhor that which is (2)evil; (3)cleave to that which is good.**

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.**

17 Recompose to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.(KJV)

Definitions:

(1) Abhor-655 apostugeo (ap-os-toog-eh'-o):
from 575 and the base of 4767;**to detest utterly: KJV-- abhor.**

(2) evil-4190 poneros (pon-ay-ros');
from a derivative of 4192; **hurtful**, i.e. evil (properly, **in effect or influence**, figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, **i.e. diseased**; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) **the**

devil, or (plural) **sinner**s: KJV-- bad, evil, **grievous**, **harm**, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness).

(3) **cleave**-2853 kollao (kol-lah'-o);
from kolla ("glue"); **to glue**, i.e. (passively or reflexively) **to stick** (figuratively):
KJV-- **cleave, join (self), keep company**.

James 1:9-18

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 **Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:** for when he is tried, **he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

18 **Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.(KJV)