

WILL GOD STILL LOVE ME EVEN IF... Q

I'M TEMPTED

PRECEPT

LUKE 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

PROMISE

Life is like a roller coaster ride; it is a bumpy and not a smooth sailing ride. In life, there will be trials, temptations, and testings. Despite having to experiencing these, we are to remember that God's love for us is constant. We are not tempted because He is punishing us or is mad at us, but He allows us to go through these trials and temptations because He wants us to overcome these with Him by our side.

Our actions toward God's love triggers the reaction of the devil. The more we please God, the more displeased the devil is with us. The more we commit our lives to God, the more we will experience attacks from the enemy. When our goal is to serve God, we become the target of the devil. The enemy is in the business of distracting and destroying our goal to pursue the Lord.

During the time of Jesus in the wilderness, Satan tried to tempt Him in the areas of life he knew would hurt the most. When we are weak emotionally, the enemy will attack our temper and make us discouraged. When we are weak mentally, he will make us overthink and have a critical mindset. When we are weak in the flesh, he will tempt us to do or watch something that is not pleasing to the Lord. We need to be mindful for the devil attacks us when we are most vulnerable.

After not eating for forty days, Jesus was hungry, so Satan tempted Him to turn a stone into bread (vv. 1-3). Jesus responded to him saying, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'*" It is more important for us to fill our spiritual hunger than our physical hunger. Rest assured that God will provide for our physical needs as He did in the past.

Then Satan showed Him all the kingdoms in the world and offered Him authority (vv. 5-7). Verse 8 says, "*And Jesus answered and said to him, 'Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"* Next, Satan prodded Jesus to prove His own power by saving Himself from a fall (vv. 9-11). Satan offered pleasure, prestige, and power. Jesus withstood the temptation. However, Jesus used the Scripture to defeat the lies of Satan. He knew the Scripture by heart and trusted the power and plans of His Father. 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us, "*No temptation has overtaken or enticed you that is not common to human experience; but God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but along with the temptation He will provide the way out as well so that you will be able to endure it.*"

PRACTICE

1. Temptation in Life. What are some of the temptations you are regularly battling? How do you face it?

2. God is Faithful. Where are you tempted to sin? What can you do differently so as not to fall on the same sin? What does 1 Corinthians 10:13 tell you about temptations?

PRAYER

I. Ministries

- Pray for all our ministries to flourish & be used to bless & encourage others in their work.

II. Volunteers

- Pray that our volunteers will remain joyful and passionate in serving our God & our brethren.

III. Life Kids

- May this ministry help disciple our children in knowing, pursuing, and loving God.

IV. Life Worship

- Pray that this ministry may be a favourable avenue to reveal God's power & lift up the lowly.

V. Life Link

- May the Spirit continue to fill them with hospitality and grace as they meet people in our doors.

VI. Humility

- Pray for protection from pride & that the church may walk in humility towards each other & the lost.

VII. Resources

- Pray that the Lord will provide all the necessary resources to accomplish the church's mission.