

Luke: Temptations Breakdown, Part 3

- ✎ The Person of Jesus is probably the single greatest evidence of the inspiration of Scripture, **Luke 4:1-13, Hebrews 2:14**. Look carefully at Jesus! It's beyond possibility that mankind could invent a person like Him: Perfect in person; His wisdom is so profound, His response to every incident and every test was perfect and consistent with His divine nature. So, Satan sets out to destroy Him here, but he only validates that Jesus is who He is.
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1. The purpose of these temptations was two-fold.

- 1) To demonstrate that He is the sinless Son of God.
- 2) To expose Satan and his tactics, so we can know what we are up against.

2. The first two temptations were about distrust.

- ✓ Distrust God's love and provision for us, distrust God's plan, and take matters into our own hands. He appeals to self-gratification and then to personal ambition.
- ✓ So, Satan fosters distrust in God and if that doesn't work, he does the opposite. First, he pushes to us distrust and then he pulls us into the trap of false trust.

3. Satan flips.

- ✓ **Verses 9-13**, It may come as a shock to you, but the devil's theology is orthodox. He believes in the deity of Christ, believes in the Trinity, and believes in the inspiration of Scripture. So, he challenges Jesus' trust in Scripture, but he twists the application.
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4. The pinnacle of the Temple.

- ✓ Satan is a supernatural being and does some supernatural stuff by taking Jesus to this high point. "Don't You believe the Word of God? Don't You want to demonstrate the truth of God's word? Then jump; You'll be doing a wonderful thing!"
- ✓ "You'll be giving an occasion for God to show His power and at the same time You will prove to everyone that You are His Son." Sounds quite religious and pious, doesn't it?

5. He pushes us to distrust God, and then pulls into putting Him to the test.

- ✓ We do that through presumption. If you have to have a miracle to believe God, you are falling for this ruse. We put God to the test by insisting that God do something to prove Himself.

6. We can overcome him.

- ✓ **We overcome him because Jesus rescues us. We overcome him because of who is in us. 1st John 4:4.**

We overcome him because of faith, not presumption, 1st John 5:4, indulgence, not a sin to meet one's own needs.
