

Luke 4:1-13

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The Second Temptation

There is free cheese in a mouse trap. The second temptation of Christ reminds me of this adage. And “free cheese” is not always all that it is cracked up to be.

In the second temptation of Jesus, we see half-truths and short-cuts overcome by a faithful resolve.

1. Half-Truths
 - a. Kingdoms offer authority and power
 - b. The devil has the authority to give the kingdoms to whomever he will
2. Short-Cuts
 - a. Fast: “Ask of me...” now!
 - b. Easy: Worship me... instead of suffering
3. A Faithful Resolve
 - a. I will worship God
 - b. And God only

Application:

1. Are there things that you aspire to that you are willing to ‘do anything’ to get?

2. Do you consider that sin pleases Satan? Does that cause you to think differently about the temptations you face?

3. Are you willing to “choose this day whom you will serve?” (Joshua 24:15)