

## **“Facing the Battle With Temptation” (pt 2)**

Mark 1:12-13; Matthew 4:1-11

Open your Bibles with me once again to the first chapter of Mark. We're looking at two verses which serve as Mark's brief account of the temptation of Jesus. I also want you to turn to Matthew 4, and we'll read these verses in a minute.

Those who work with tools know that there's a difference in cheap tools and the kind that really last. Let's suppose you are looking for a set of socket wrenches. Now, you could more than likely find a \$5 set at the checkout line of Dollar General. Or, you can spend some money and invest in a set of Snap-On socket wrenches that are 'drop forged' and top of the line. Drop forged steel is the toughest steel out there. It has been put through a process to ensure that it not break under pressure. A cheap, chrome plated tool will break given enough pressure, but not drop forged steel.

The process of drop forging means that the steel is heated up to more than 1500 degrees and 'forged' with a hammer over an anvil. The process literally changes the molecular structure of the steel and rearranges its properties. Tools that have been put through this process are much more expensive, and they have a stamp somewhere on them that says 'drop forged.' Some tools may have a shiny appearance, but it may be nothing more than a cheap chrome plating.

I think that's a good illustration of the picture that we are given in the gospels of a tested Messiah, a 'drop forged' Savior. Jesus does not merely have the appearance of strength. He was tested in every single way like us, but without sin. And in order to fully identify with the ones He came to save, He stepped into our world and faced the heat. Even as He was tempted by Satan, Jesus fully knew that He was the Son of God. He withstood the assault of the devil as a real Man who relied fully upon the power and promise of the Father to resist

temptation. The temptations faced by Jesus were real, more potent than you or I could imagine, and in His humanity He resisted each one. And for that reason, the writer of Hebrews says that because He suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. (Read)

The account of Satan's tempting of Jesus in the wilderness was observed by no other human being, and it is only by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through the gospel writers that we are made aware of it. The question it addresses is, "Can the Son of God meet and conquer His enemy?" Can He withstand the most alluring assault that Satan can come up with? He will never be able to establish His kingdom if He cannot overthrow the usurper. Christ must be able to crush the serpent's head according to Genesis 3:15. And 1 John 3:8 says the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. Satan currently rules over this fallen world system. 1 John 5:19 says the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. So if the Son of God can't meet Satan on his own turf and withstand his attacks, there is no way that He can usher in the kingdom of God.

But this passage is powerful as it shows us how the Lord Jesus has won the victory over the attacks and assaults of the enemy. Jesus Christ is both our tested and triumphant Savior. We're looking at temptation from several different angles, and last time, I mentioned two things. First of all, I mentioned to you that ***the trial of temptation is common***. Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He is tempted by Satan. This is further evidence of how Jesus came to identify with those He's come to save. Temptation is one of those things that is 'common' to us all. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that no temptation has overtaken you except that which is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation will

also provide the way of escape. Hebrews 2:17 says that Christ had to be made like us in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for our sins. And because He faced the same temptation that we face, Hebrews 4:15 says that He is a High Priest who is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses, One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

And so the trial of temptation is common. Then a second thing we considered is that ***the time of temptation is coming***. Mark says that immediately after His baptism, the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness where He was being tempted by Satan. Following a time of obedience in His life in which the declaration was made by the Father that He is the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased, Jesus faces temptation. Temptation often comes after a season of victory. New levels bring new devils. And that the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted shows how it was all part of the Father's plan for the Son. Satan is the one who does the tempting, but God the Father is the One who has orchestrated the circumstances.

God tests, while Satan tempts. Therefore, we had better be prepared for it and alert to the fact that Satan is looking for an opportunity or to gain an advantage in our lives. It brings up the question, "What is the enemy's goal in using temptation against us?" God has a purpose for the tests we face, and that purpose is to build our character. But Satan has an opposite purpose in mind, and that goal is to break our character. And so a third thing for us to consider about temptation is that:

### **3—The TARGET of temptation is character (4:3-11)**

*"And the tempter came to Him and said..."*

Mark simply tells that Jesus is in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. The other gospels provide some details as to what that temptation involved. In Matthew 4:3, the enemy launches his attack on Jesus and aims directly at His character. He approaches Jesus and tempts Him in three different areas. The temptation came just as Jesus was preparing to begin His public ministry. Satan designed each temptation, crafting them in a way intended to weaken and destroy Christ in His mission. Remember our definition for temptation:

**Warren Wiersbe** — *“A temptation is an opportunity to accomplish a good thing in a bad way, out of the will of God...It is when we want to satisfy these desires in ways outside God’s will that we get into trouble.”*

Satan’s lie often goes something like this: “You’ll be happier if you trust your own ideas about how to be happy instead of trusting God and His Word.” He then offers the vehicle of temptation through which he offers false hope and false satisfaction. What appears to be satisfaction is in reality a poison that leads to our destruction. Temptation is the tug at us to satisfy our desires in a sinful way. It invites us to take something good and to pervert it. Every temptation offers something which is intrinsically good and intended to be enjoyed within proper boundaries. It is the enticement to go outside of the will of God to serve ourselves and to satisfy our own desires. John writes about this when he says:

**1 John 2:16**—**“For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”**

The enemy comes along and tempts us in one of these three areas:

- “The lust of the flesh” refers to self-gratification and the temptation to do something outside the will of God.

- “The lust of the eyes” refers to self-promotion and the temptation to have something outside the will of God.
- “The pride of life” refers to self-exaltation and the temptation to be something outside the will of God.

At the very core of his strategy, temptation is the way that Satan entices us to call into question God’s goodness. And you will notice that the enemy tempts Jesus to question His Father’s goodness in three specific areas.

### To prioritize something good more than God

Verse 3 says, “And the tempter came and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’” Satan’s first temptation is intended to be a question of whether or not God provides. It is significant that it is related to physical food. It is not to do something immoral, but to go after something good, even necessary. Matthew has told us that Jesus had been fasting forty days and forty nights. He was hungry. Satan comes and then challenges Jesus at the point of what He naturally wanted and needed.

Physically, He was hungry and His body craved food. Satan sought to exploit His human desire and tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread. He prefaces the temptation by saying, “If You are the Son of God,” making the suggestion that no Son of God should be hungry as Jesus was, yet surrounded by nothing but stones in the wilderness. And it was a way of calling into question the Father’s provision on behalf of the Son. Bread is a good thing, but to obtain it outside of God’s will is a bad thing. And so the temptation is to value the gift over the Giver of the gift.

This is where Eve was deceived. It too was over an issue of food. Not bread, but fruit. The serpent came along and suggested that God was withholding

something good from her, something that, in fact, would make her like God. Of every tree in the garden, God had said she and Adam could eat. There was one tree, however, that God had forbidden them to eat from. Satan exploited Eve's desires against her. Whatever the desire is—for food, for sex, for approval, for fun—whatever it is you crave at the moment, once it is redirected away from the way God intends for it to be fulfilled, it becomes a master over you. Desire promises satisfaction. But unless it finds resolution the way that God designed it according to His wisdom, it remains unsatisfied.

**2 Peter 2:19—“For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.”**

Men who trap animals in Africa say that one of the hardest animals to catch is the ringtailed monkey. For the Zulus of that continent, however, it's simple. They've been catching this agile little animal with ease for years. The method the Zulus use is based on knowledge of the animal. Their trap is nothing more than a melon. The seeds of this melon are a favorite of the monkey. Knowing this, the Zulus simply cut a hole in the melon, just large enough for the monkey to insert his hand to reach the seeds inside. The monkey will stick his hand in, grab as many seeds as he can, then start to withdraw it. But he can't do it. His fist is now larger than the hole. The monkey will pull and tug, screech and fight for hours. But he can't get free of the trap unless he gives up the seeds, which he refuses to do. Meanwhile, the hunter sneaks up and grabs him. The monkey becomes enticed then ensnared through desire.

**James 1:14-16—“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”**

Temptation always is connected to our desires. Ultimately, in search of fulfillment and never finding it, your desires can gain mastery over you. How does this work? Think about it this way:

- There is no amount of approval that can ever satisfy the heart of the one who craves it.
- There is no amount of wealth that can ever satisfy the greedy tendency of the one who covets it.
- There is no amount of pleasure that ever satisfy the cravings of the one enslaved by his sexual passions.

Knowing this, the enemy constantly tempts and solicits us in the area of our desires. He always works in conjunction with what we crave the most. Through temptation, Satan feeds us the lie that God does not and cannot provide for our desires. As Jesus' stomach is no doubt growling in the Judean wilderness, the enemy insinuates, "If You are the Son of God," as in, "If Your Father truly loves You, why then are You so hungry?" He then tempts Jesus to satisfy His desires apart from His Father's provision—"Command that these stones become bread. Feed Your stomach, Jesus. Satisfy for Yourself what You really want." He then calls attention to the stones and uses the power of suggestion and imagination. He says, "What You need is bread, Jesus. But all Your Father has given You is stones."

But had Jesus used His power to turn stones into bread, it would have been a rejection of His Father's will and a lack of perfect trust in His Father's provision. Notice how Jesus responds in verse 4, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" The enemy desperately wants you to believe that man does live by bread alone, so that we

will then structure and pattern our life after that sort of belief. Satan wants the world to believe that the physical is all that matters. That's why our generation has rejected God. Materialism and its justifying theories says that what we see and we want is all that matters.

It is the attitude that is mentioned in Isaiah of those who live as if this life here and now is all that there is, and the same attitude mentioned by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:32 who argued it would be the only logical response were the resurrection not true. It is the attitude which says, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" Satan wants you to structure your life as if this life were all that really matters. And if all that awaits us is the end of life, unconsciousness and decay and a piece of real estate six feet under, then scratching every itch that we have is probably our best alternative. However, Jesus knew that this is not how life has been designed.

**C.S. Lewis** — *"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."*

For those who know Christ and seek their satisfaction in a relationship with Him, there is a vast table prepared on the other side of death, a table with every sort of pleasure and satisfaction beyond imagination. The psalmist wrote:

**Psalm 16:11** — **"You will show me the path of life; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."**

Jesus knew that He would one day eat plenty of bread in His Father's kingdom. Until then, He was willing to fully rely on the Father's provision. So don't ever mistake the devil's stones for the Father's bread! Jesus didn't, and this is where He secured victory for us. Many before Him had gone this route before, and they failed. Satan's stones always lead to death. And they can never satisfy the

desires within you. Where others before Him failed, and where we fail time and time again, Jesus Christ succeeded.

### To evaluate a relationship with God by circumstances

When you stop to think about it, consider where Jesus is here in this text. He was the Beloved Son, fully pleasing to the Father in every way. He is totally in step with the Holy Spirit. He is exactly where He is supposed to be, yet He is not shielded from hunger and pain. He's in a wilderness, in a desert. Why is the Father's Beloved Son in a place like that? And so verse 5 says, "Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and 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.'" When Satan was unsuccessful in tempting Jesus to cave to self-gratification, he turns to a second tactic. This time, he tempts Jesus in the area of self-promotion.

**"Pinnacle"** — *roof that extended out over Herod's portico where the drop to the valley floor was some 450 feet*

In the first temptation, a desire already existed. But in the second, the enemy attempted to create a desire. In the first temptation, Satan tempted Jesus in the area of instant food and self-gratification. In the second temptation, the enemy tempts Jesus in the area of instant fame and self-promotion. And to make this temptation more persuasive, the devil even quotes Scripture—Psalm 91:11-12.

Suppose Jesus followed Satan's logic, such a miraculous intervention of the Father on His behalf would have been sure to convince everyone that He was the Messiah. It would have been a sign that many were looking for. The enemy whispers, "You're not really getting anywhere fast, Jesus. Here You are, 30 years

old, and yet You have no audience. You have no large following and no fame. No one even knows who You are! But if You listen to me, I can make You famous. You can quickly become the topic of conversation!” It was a temptation to interpret God through circumstances rather than His Word, to question the plan of God because of the current situation.

The enemy often tempts us with popularity. He tempts us to live for ourselves and promote ourselves. The enemy was questioning God’s protection of His Son. Again, if He were the Son of God, why would He not? Why be alone in the wilderness when He could instantly be ushered into the palace? It was all an attempt to keep Jesus from going to the cross.

Temptation isn’t always physical or material, but it can be mental and emotional. All of us face mental temptations in the realm of thoughts, attitudes, and internal narratives that we believe. We’re tempted to worry, tempted to despair, or tempted to doubt. We’re tempted to self-pity, “No one gets me, I have it harder than everyone else, I deserve better.” In this way, Satan tries to get us to follow our own heart.

**Proverbs 3:5-6—“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.”**

The first temptation is to pursue something good more than God, the second is to evaluate a relationship with God by circumstances, and then the third is:

To circumvent the will of God for personal gain

Verse 8 says, “Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these I

will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” In the third temptation, Satan tempts Jesus with self-exaltation. He solicits Jesus to give him worship rather than the Father. Which is what Satan is after anyway. He wants nothing more than direct our worship away from God, and then to drive a wedge of separation between us and God. The devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of this world— Egypt and its pyramids, Rome and its power, Athens and its prestige. He offers them to Jesus in exchange for His worship. Later as He would stand before Pilate, Jesus said:

**John 18:36—“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”**

Again, it was all an attempt to thwart the overall plan of God and keep Jesus from going to the cross. Why suffer the cross when you can wear the crown?

**John MacArthur** — *“Satan was offering the world to Jesus on his own corrupt terms, not God’s. That which the Father promised to the Son because of His righteous obedience, Satan offered to the Son in exchange for His unrighteous disobedience. God’s plan in testing the Son was to prove the Son’s worthiness to inherit and rule the world. Satan’s plan was to draw the Son away from that worthiness by enticing Him to grab the kingdom the Father promised to give Him. Instead of enduring the long, bitter, humiliating, and painful road to the cross—and the even longer wait in heaven for God’s time to be completed—Jesus could rule the world now!”*

Friends, as they are now, the kingdoms of this world pale in comparison to God’s kingdom. They are corrupted by sin and crumbling to the ground. So not only does the enemy tempt us to embrace for ourselves what does not satisfy, he also

tempts us to grab for ourselves what does not last. And it is an attempt for him to receive the worship that ought to be exclusive to God alone.

**Matthew 16:26—“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

Jesus didn't need the devil's offer! The Father had already promised the Son that the kingdom would be His:

**Psalm 2:8—“Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.”**

**Revelation 7:9-10—“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”**

Because of His obedience, the kingdom belongs to Jesus, and because it belongs to Him, it belongs to us! Hebrews 12:28 says we can be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. There is nothing that the enemy can give that could even come close to what is already ours. Why trade that which is eternal for that which is temporal?

The target of temptation is character. One final thing that I'll mention before we close is:

#### **4—The TRIUMPH over temptation is Christ (4:3-11)**

*“Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.”*

Satan tempted Jesus in three ways, but he is unsuccessful while our Lord passes the test. Once again, the devil has to play the loser. The promised Seed of Genesis 3:15 deals a decisive blow against the serpent. And it's a foreshadowing of the ultimate victory which will come through Jesus' death and resurrection. The point of this passage is not simply that Jesus was tempted by the devil. The main emphasis here is that Jesus is triumphant over the devil. Jesus did not break or bend as our 'drop forged' Messiah. And as such, He has secured victory for those who trust in Him. His success over temptation shows us how:

### He shatters the enemy's power

Through the devil tries, he has no power over the perfect Man. Each time the enemy offers a temptation, Jesus responds with, 'It is written.' He's appealing to the authority of God's Word. In the New Testament, there are three different words used to describe the nature of God's Word to us. There is the word 'graphe' which is used in places like:

**2 Timothy 3:16—“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

The word 'graphe' speaks of God's Word in terms of how it is written. Scripture is the Word of God, inspired, without error, totally trustworthy, and authoritative. You can take God's Word in its written form, graphe, and keep it on your shelf, your coffee table, on your phone. You can tuck it under your arm and carry it with you as you head off to church.

A second term that is used to refer to God's Word is the familiar term 'logos' which is used in John 1, “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,

and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” It refers to the eternal Word of God who has always been. Jesus is God in human flesh, and as Paul says in Colossians—the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form. If the emphasis of ‘graphe’ is the Word of God as it has been recorded, then ‘logos’ is the Word as it has been revealed. The same term is used in Hebrews 4:12 which says:

**Hebrews 4:12—“For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”**

That term ‘logos’ refers to the complete revelation of what God has said. It refers to the divine message of the book itself. We’re not simply talking about words on paper. No, the ‘logos’ is living and active. The Bible is the only book that reads you as you read it. It is actively accomplishing the purposes for which God has sent it forth. And apart from the knowledge of His Word, we are left to our own counsels or the wisdom of the world.

There is a third term which is also used to speak of God’s Word, and it is this particular word that Jesus uses here in Matthew 4:4. It is the word ‘rhema.’

**“Word”** —*translates the Greek word ‘rhema’ which speaks of a specific, timely word or utterance; specific sayings*

And that word ‘rhema’ refers to a specific verse that has a special application to an immediate situation. If ‘graphe’ emphasizes God’s Word as it is recorded, and if ‘logos’ is said to emphasize God’s Word as it is revealed, then the word ‘rhema’ emphasizes God’s Word as it is received. It implies the use of God’s Word as it is applied to a specific experience in our lives. For you and I to stand firm in our Christian life, to withstand Satan’s attacks against us, we must understand and

apply the Word of God to our lives. This same word is used by Paul in the sixth chapter of Ephesians as part of the armor of God:

**Ephesians 6:17—“And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”**

The sword of the Spirit is God’s own authoritative Word, His revealed truth in Christ, given to enable us to stand against Satan and his wiles. When he attacks, we wield the ‘rhema’ of God against him. In the words of Martin Luther’s great hymn:

*And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.*

Friend, it is important that we hide God’s Word in our heart to sustain us in times of testing, but Jesus is doing more here than simply quoting Scripture. Jesus is demonstrating through unflinching obedience to the Father that He alone breaks the power of sin over our lives.

He sympathizes with our weaknesses

I’ve said it already, and let me say it one more time. In order for Him to destroy through death the one who has the power of death, the devil, Jesus had to be

made like His brethren in every respect. And this is so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest. Hebrews says that because Jesus has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

**Hebrews 4:15—“For we do not have a High Priest, who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”**

You and I are tempted because we are human. Our hope is that we have a Savior who sympathizes with us. That means that I am never alone when I face temptation from the enemy, and I have been given sufficient resources in Christ to withstand the devil’s assault on my life. Which means that you will face no temptation beyond what our Lord faced, who overcame the enemy, and He is now your very present help and Source of strength.

#### He secures victory for the believer

Remember that everything that Jesus did, including His success over temptation, He did as our representative. He lived the life we were supposed to live but could not, and He did it so that He could die the death we were supposed to die. And here in the wilderness, Jesus proved that He is better than Adam, better than Israel. Where Adam messed up in a garden, Jesus succeeded in a barren wilderness. Where Adam bought into the serpent’s lie about his identity, the Lord Jesus successfully withstood the temptation. All that we’ve done wrong as fallen members of a fallen race, He did right. That way, when it came time for Him to die on the cross, He could bear the full weight of our condemnation. Because only a perfect life and substitutionary death could effectively atone for sin.

Each time Satan tempted Jesus, there’s something specific about the Word that Jesus quotes, there’s something that undergirds every verse that He recalls. It is

something so powerful that not even Satan can refute it—His identity in the Father's eyes. Everything that Jesus claims, every promise that He appeals to, it all ultimately goes back to the security He possesses in knowing who He is in the eyes of the Father—'My Beloved Son.' The root of all temptation is Satan's ploy to try to get you to establish your identity in something other than the Father's declaration of who you are in Christ. The devil will pull out all stops in attempt to get you to find your identity and self-worth in something other than Christ. And if he does this, he knows that it will make you vulnerable to sin. This is why you need to preach the gospel to yourself each and every day. I never get past my desperate need for the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

The devil tempts Jesus and says, "If its a kingdom you want, then You can have all that without this cross stuff, without all this suffering, without that narrow road, without the bloodied face, without the crown of thorns, without the nails!" And Jesus says, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." Friend, God's way is the only way. And that's the pathway of obedience that our Lord chose. He didn't choose provision, popularity, or power from an illegitimate path.

Satan tempted Jesus in an attempt to keep Him from the cross. Let me tell you, he tries to do the same thing with us. "Why believe all this nonsense about the cross? Who says that you need to take that narrow road? Why not go a much easier, much more broad, more smooth way?" Satan will try his best to keep you from the cross. But it is at the cross of Jesus that we find salvation and sonship.

Charitie Lees Bancroft was a hymn writer in Ireland in the 1800's. She was the daughter of an Irish clergyman by the name of George Sidney Smith. There's not much we know about her life outside of the fact that she was twice widowed, and to my knowledge there is no evidence that she ever had any children. What she

lacked in temporal circumstance was more than made up for by her knowledge of who she was in Christ. She wrote:

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me!  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart!*

*When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within;  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin!  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free!  
For God the just is satisfied,  
To look on Him and pardon me!*

*Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness!  
The great unchangeable I am,  
The King of glory and of grace;  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood!  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God!*