

“Standing Firm On the Truth”

New Hope Community Church
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A. Jesus’ Preparation for the Temptation (1)

1. Full dependence upon the Holy Spirit

- He was **filled** with the Spirit
- He was **led** by the Spirit

2. Firm commitment to the truth of God’s Word

- He combated each **temptation** with Scripture
- He could distinguish the **misuse** of Scripture

B. Jesus’ Encounter With the Devil (2)

1. He was **continually** tempted

2. He was **critically** hungry

C. Jesus Felt the Full Force of Satan’s Deceit (3-12)

1. Satan sought to lure Him away through His **flesh** (3,4)

- Note: He did not question the power of Jesus. His goal was to convince Jesus to use His power **outside** of God’s plan
- Jesus: The physical must be **subordinate** to the spiritual

Beware! Satan wants to reduce us to bread

- **QUESTION:** What problems do I have in life because I have these two, the physical & spiritual, out of order? _____

2. Satan sought to lure Him away through His **eyes** (5-8)

- Note: He offered Jesus what was truly **his** to give
 - Jesus: Things we desire must never take **first** place above God
- Beware!** Satan continually places substitutes for God before us

- **QUESTION:** Are my eyes fixed more on anything in this world than upon my God? _____

3. Satan sought to lure Him away through His **pride** (9-12)

- Note: He challenged Jesus from the Scripture He **lived** by
 - Jesus: God’s Word must always be used for God’s **glory!**
- Beware!** Satan knows the Bible and uses it to promote what really serves our selfish interests rather than serving the Lord

- **QUESTION:** Is there any area of my life where I have compromised God’s truth in order to assert my will? What is it? _____

Life Group Meeting

Luke 4:1-13

QUESTIONS

- 1) Read Luke 4:1-13
- 2) In very practical terms, what does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- 3) Is being led by the Holy Spirit different than being filled? In practical ways, how does this work and what does it look like?
- 4) Why do you think it was the Father’s plan that Jesus experience 40 days of fasting, and then be tempted by the devil in the way He was?
- 5) Satan is the master deceiver. Can you identify his wily deceit in each of the three temptations?
- 6) In the first temptation, we see Satan trying to get Jesus to solve a temporal problem (eating), when God’s plan was to accomplish a spiritual purpose. Can you give an example from your own life of when you sensed that Satan was tempting you in this way?
- 7) Temptation of the eyes involves setting our affections on temporal things that replace God as God in our lives. Can you think of a time when he tempted you in this way?
- 8) Have you ever been tempted to use Scripture in a way to promote a selfish agenda rather than to promote the truth that it reveals?