

GOD WITH US



Key Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

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THE INVISIBLE WAR

Satan's Motives

- Satan wants to be in control. He wants us to follow his will, his plan, his path, to his destruction .

Satan's Methods

- Satan tempts us to sin by enticing us to meet our needs according to our desires instead of God's design.

Our Defense

- God gives us three sources of strength against temptation modelled by Jesus, fasting, prayer, and scripture.

Our Hope

- Our hope is in receiving the perfection of Jesus, not attaining our own perfection.

Further Study

1. The temptation of Jesus takes place at the very start of His ministry. Satan often tempts us when we begin something new for God. Are there other Biblical or personal examples you have of this? How can we prepare for temptation when beginning a new work for God?
2. Satan's stops tempting Jesus and waits for an opportune time. All of Satan's temptations have an end point. How does this encourage us to stand firm against temptation? How does knowing this help us prepare for temptation?
3. Satan sought to deceive Jesus by defending his temptation with scripture. How does Satan seek to deceive you to sin?

Scripture to Pray

Matthew 6:9-13

"Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

From the Resources

"Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it whilst you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you. Your being dead with Christ virtually, your being quickened with him, will not excuse you from this work."

- The Mortification Of Sin
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