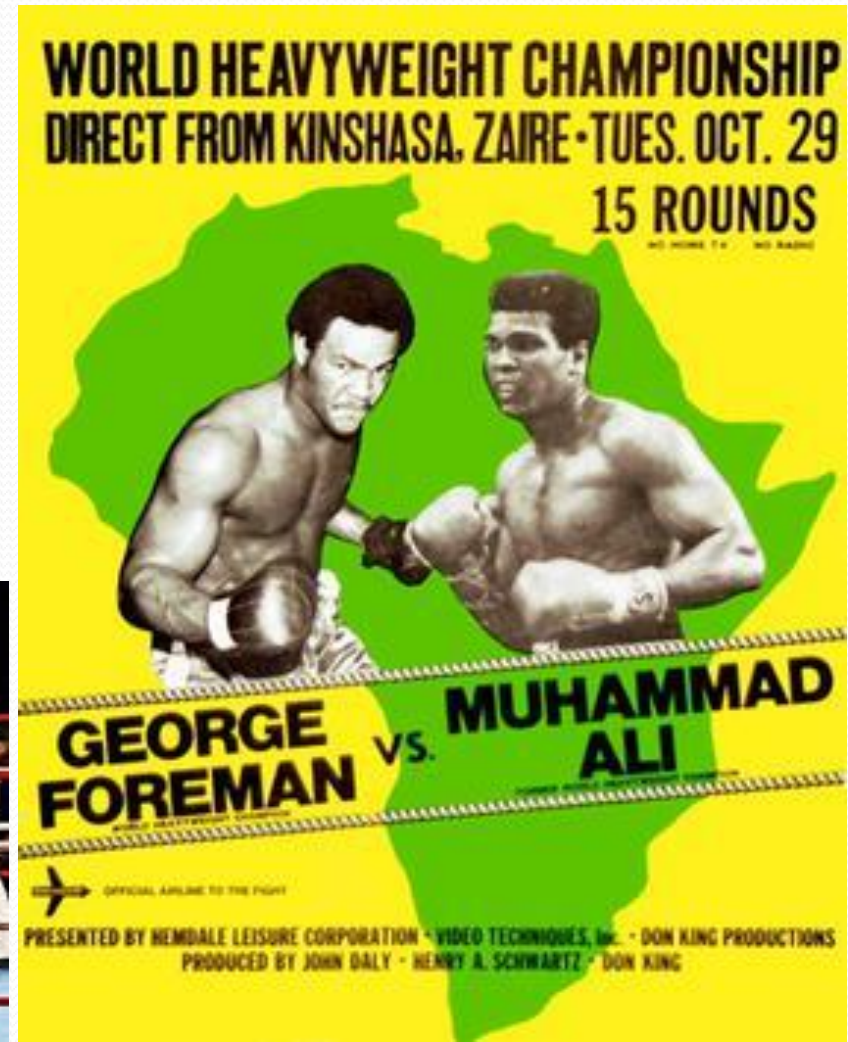


**Rumble in the Jungle!,
Part Two
Matthew 4:1-11**

Rumble in the Jungle

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Satan Tempts Jesus in the Wilderness

- Remember that the concepts of tempting and testing can occur in the same event
- The devil **tempts** us and the Lord **tests** us
- To Tempt-a trap set by Satan to get us to go against God's will
- To Test-To try to get us to prove ourselves faithful to God's will
- God doesn't tempt us in the sense of laying traps for us to sin, James 1:13

Matthew 4:3-4

“And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

“Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone”

- Man is made up of more than flesh, he is also made up of a soul and a spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:23

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” NIV

“But By Every Word That Proceeds Out Of The Mouth Of God”

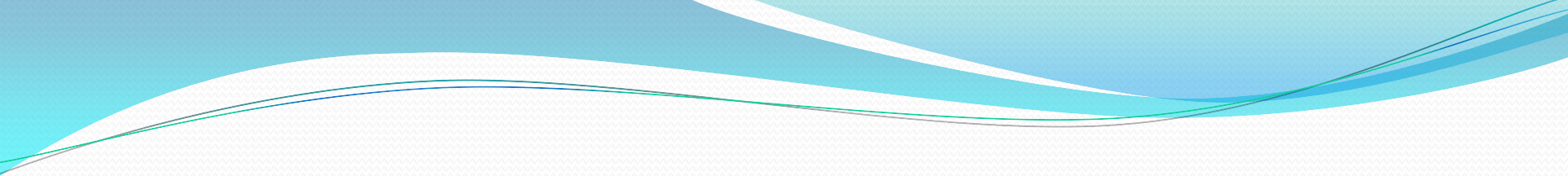
John 4:31

***“Meanwhile his disciples urged him, Rabbi,
eat something.”***

***But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you
know nothing about.’***

***Then his disciples said to each other, “Could
someone have brought him some food?”***

***“My food, said Jesus, is to do the work of him who
sent me and to finish his work.”***

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- Jesus was saying that as long as I feed on God and His word, I don't worry about my physical needs
 - When Jesus answers Satan, He quotes a scripture from the Old Testament, Deuteronomy 8:3, ***“It is written, man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”***

- Jesus shows us that **KNOWING GOD'S WORD WAS PRACTICAL FOR HIS DAILY LIFE AND OURS!**
(When he was challenged morally, he had an answer, and we should too, 1 Peter 3:15)
“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man who asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear;”
- Every day a moral question comes up that calls for a spiritual answer.



One problem today is that many Christians fast:

On God's Word!

Our spiritual blood sugars get so low that we are not able to read and discern between God's will and Satan's traps!

We Need to Break Our Fast!

Allow the Word of God give us the food so that we can survive life itself.

If you are dealing with situations that sap your strength and your energy, feed on God's word for wisdom for the problems now and the ones in the future.

Feeding on God's Word is What God's Children Do!

Jeremiah 15:16

*“When your words came I ate them;
They were my joy and my heart's delight.
For I bear your name Lord God Almighty”*

John 6:26-27

.... Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

John 6:51

“I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

1Peter 2:1-2

“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind. Like newborn babes, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”

Points To Remember

There is a temptation for us in the “turning stones to bread” test in the wilderness to require God to perform a miracle for us to save us from the hard work of Life (God is not a spiritual Genie) as if we say, “*and if He doesn't I won't be as faithful*”

If You Are Going To Be A Christian You Still Have To Be Responsible!

- You still have to save more than you spend
- You still have to study hard in school
- You still have to work on your marriage
- You still have to work on getting along with other people
- You still will have to see a doctor about some things

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel Acts 15:7

Repent Of Sins Acts 17:30

Confess Christ Acts 8:37

Be Baptized Acts 8:38