

# Rumble in the Jungle!

## Part Three

### Matthew 4:8-11



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*“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”*

*Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”*

*Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.*

**It has been my attempt, over the last several lessons concerning Jesus' "Rumble in the Jungle" with Satan, to show the reality of Jesus' temptations and their likeness to our own temptations as we journey through life.**

**Hebrews 4:15**

***"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."***

- For instance in the 1<sup>st</sup> temptation in Matthew 4, Jesus fasted for forty days and the Bible says that his flesh was craving for food (as you would expect).
- But Jesus realized that there were certain goals he wanted to accomplish that satisfying his “fleshly hunger would destroy”- anything that could attract our physical senses to the point of adversely affecting our relationship with God

**#1 But Jesus had greater goals than satisfying his appetite:**

**Being The Author of our eternal Salvation (Hebrews 5:8,9)**

**Parents beware that your fleshly hunger can jeopardize your greater goals for your family**

**Your fleshly appetite for “some things or somebody” can jeopardize your goals**

**Your hunger to see your children succeed can lead to unscrupulous arrangements (*Field Hockey Scholarships to College for non-Hockey college students*) can jeopardize your goals**

- In the second temptation Jesus was taken to the highest pinnacle of the Temple of Jerusalem, and challenged to jump off of it, thus trying to coax Him to put his need for self-significance ahead of the cross, thus separating Him from His Father's will

John 17:4

*“I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.”*

*The Point is That if Jesus Glorifies Himself By Jumping Off The Top Of The Temple, He is Just Another Sensationalist “Private Jet Preacher” Or Even a “Spoiled Brat!”*

# So Satan Says To Jesus in This Last Temptation in This Story:

*“All these things (the kingdoms of the world and their glory) will I give you if you fall down and worship me.”*

**Question: Does Satan Own the Kingdoms Of the World?**

**#1 Well, notice that Christ didn't disagree with Satan, arguing that you can't give away what you don't own**

# Satan's Argument

- Remember Christ was on his way to the throne by the way of the cross
- Satan argues, *“It’s foolish to suffer the pain and humiliation of the cross. Become a leader the easy way.”*
- There are only two rulers: Jesus and Satan

**It is foolish to try to build a kingdom, a nation, a business, or a family without Jesus! (Matthew 7:24-27)**



# Remember That Satan Basic

Problem is that He Has Always  
Wanted to be God!

(Isaiah 14:12-14)

*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of morning!*

*How you are cut down to the ground,*

*You who weakened the nations!*

*For you have said in your heart:*

*I will ascend into heaven,*

*I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;*

*I also will sit on the mount of the congregation*

*On the farthest side of the north;*

*I will ascend among the heights of the clouds*

*I will be like the Most High.’*



# Worshipping the Creature Rather than the Creator Is the Lie that Runs Our World Today!

Romans 1:24-25

*“Therefore God gave them over to sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and served the created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.*

*Amen.*

- Ephesians 6:12 tells us that our battle is against the power of darkness

***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”***

- 2 Corinthians 4:4 tells us that:

***“... The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”***

# Here Is the Point

**Everything Belongs To God, However the Only Power That Satan Has Over Anything Is What We Give Him!**

- **Paul in writing to the church of Ephesus says:**  
*“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”Ephesus 2:2*
- **If the devil captures our homes, marriages, families, jobs, it’s because we *gave* them to him!**

- **Could Jesus have turned stones to Bread?**

**Yes!**

- **Could Jesus have jumped off the top of the Jerusalem temple and walked away unharmed?**

**Yes!**

- **Could Jesus have bowed down to Satan?**

**Yes!**

***But He Chose Not To Give Satan That Kind Of Power  
In His Life!***

# Notice Jesus' Answer!

*“Get thee hence (away from me), Satan! For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.”*

- Notice that Satan's offer said nothing about service, he said worship
- Jesus knew that whatever we worship we serve  
*“No man can serve two masters”* Matthew 6:24
- Jesus again, as a man, quotes scripture, to fight Satan's advances in His life, Deuteronomy 6:13
- One of the reasons we assimilate and digest God's word is to keep from sinning. That's Jesus' example
- *Everyday I live and work, a moral dilemma should generate a scriptural answer.*

# In this Story In the Life of Jesus We See Satan's Three Main Methods at Work

*“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but of the world.*

*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.”*

*1 John 2:15-17*

# What Have We Learned?

- A Temptation is a trap that is meant for us to go against God's will
- A Test tries to get us to prove ourselves faithful to God's will
- Christ conquered temptation by waiting on God's provisions (Matthew 4:11) like we should (Philippians 4:19).
- Have you ever received blessings from angels you never knew existed?
- God is in charge of the tempter and the circumstances. He NEVER tempts. James 1:13-15
- He will not allow us to be tempted greater than our abilities, 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Don't give in, and don't give up. Use God's word and inscribe it in your heart to not betray your first love, Jesus Christ. Psalms 119:11



# 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*