

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 4:8-11
OCTOBER 17, 2018

INTRODUCTION:

1. For forty days, Jesus was constantly tempted by the devil. (Matt. 4.1,2; Luke 4.1,2)
2. After those forty days of temptations ended, the devil questioned His identity.
 - a) **MATTHEW 4.3:** *“If you are the Son of God.”*
 - b) We are not to live by our fleshly appetites, but by the word of God. (Matt. 4.4)
3. He was tempted when the devil questioned His integrity. (Matt. 4.5-7)
 - a) **MATTHEW 4.5:** *“For it is written.”* Prove that you believe in the scriptures you quote.
 - b) **MATTHEW 4.7:** *“It is written again”* Contextually, don’t try God’s patience. (Deut. 6.16)
4. He was tempted when the devil questioned His loyalty. (Matt. 4.8-10)

I. THE DEVIL TEMPTED QUESTIONED HIS LOYALTY

- A. **MATTHEW 4.8:** *“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain”* The highest mountain in the Middle East is Mount Damavand. (61 football fields)
- B. **MATTHEW 4.8:** *“and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.”*
 1. Not just some kingdoms, but all of them in all the world.
 2. **LUKE 4.5:** *“in a moment in time.”* Stigme: Literally, an instant, like a balloon pop.
- C. **MATTHEW 4.9:** *“And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You’”*
 1. **LUKE 4.6:** *“All this authority I will give You, and their glory”*
 2. Authority (exousia): Literally, the right to tell people what to do. (cf. Luke 7.8)
 3. **LUKE 4.6:** *“for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.”*
 - a) The world belongs to the devil, but what is the world? (Eph. 2.1-3; 1 John 2.16)
 - b) The authority of kingdoms belongs to God. (Rom. 13.1; Dan. 4.17; Ps. 24.1)
 - c) The devil is a habitual liar. (John 8.44; Acts 5.3)
 4. Jesus was already going to receive *“all authority.”* (Matt. 28.18)
- D. **MATTHEW 4.9:** *“if You will fall down and worship me.”*
 1. Worship (proskuneo): *“To kiss towards”* It is in a tense that indicates a single action.
 2. Just do it this one time. What’s it going to hurt? Who is going to know?

II. JESUS RESPONDS TO THE DEVIL

- A. **MATTHEW 4.10:** *“Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan!”*
 1. Matthew uses *“hupago.”* To lead under. Luke uses *“opiso.”* Behind.
 2. In contrast, the devil wanted Jesus to bow down in front of him. (cf. Matt. 4.9)
 3. There is no hesitation. Jesus had already made up His mind. (cf. Luke 4.5; James 4.7)
 4. Jesus called him, *“Satan.”* Contrasted with Matthew calling him, *“devil.”* (Matt. 4.2)
 - a) Devil (Diabolos): Dia – *“thoroughly”*; Ballo – *“to throw.”* The idea is accuser.
 - b) Satan (Satanas): The adversary. (1 Pet. 5.8,9)
- B. **MATTHEW 4.10:** *“For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”* (cf. Matt. 22.37)