

Baptism and Temptation. Contd.

4. Second Temptation. Method of Attack. Insinuating doubt, plus misquotation of Ps. 91.11.12.

Method of Defence. Word of God. Deut. 6.16.

"Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God"; as thou didst at Massah. Cf. Ex.17. The Jews were not willing to be dependent on the Lord for water. I can wait.

WAS THERE A SUGGESTION OF ANY GREATER IMPORT HERE THAN WE SEE ON THE SURFACE. THE JEWS WERE FILLING JERUS. AT THE TIME? AND A DESCENT SUCH AS THE DEVIL SUGGESTED WOULD HAVE POSSIBLY GIVEN HIM THE ACCLAIM OF THE MULTITUDE? BUT-----.

5. Third Temptation. Method of Attack. The glory of the world shewn to Him. Method of Defence. Deut. 6.13. See this wonderful context. Lands were given, and in verse 12 "Beware lest thou forget". The devil leaveth Him, and angels ministered.

The temptations were along the line of the nature of man:

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| 1. Body. | Bread for hunger. | Lust of flesh. |
| 2. Soul. | Desire for fame. | Lust of the eyes. |
| 3. Spirit. | Worldly glory. | Pride of life. |

V. Application.

1. Jesus was obedient to the Father's will.
2. His life was lived in the power of the Holy Spirit in dependence on God.
3. His power to repel the attack of the Devil came from His knowledge of the Word of God.

Golden Text. "This is my Beloved Son".

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Matt. 3.13--4.11.

Introductory. Connection between the lessons.

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I. The King's Herald. Matt. 3. 1-12.

1. He was the forerunner of Christ. Is.40. 3-5.
2. He was the second cousin of Jesus. Lk.1.36
3. He was miraculously announced also. Lk.1.
4. His ministry was the last of the Old Dispensation. Matt.11.11.

Asceticism of the law, vs Feasting of the Gospel.

5. His Ministry. Repent.....Behold the Lamb of God.

II. The King's entrance into His Office. Baptism.

1. It was to fulfil all righteousness. Satisfy every last claim of the law. Rom.10.4.
2. In it he identified Himself with the people.
3. Note the attitude of John the Baptist.
To Pharisees. Forbad them without repentance.
To Jesus. Forbad Him, for there was no repentance needed.

Cf. Ex. 28.3. 29.1-4. Where the priests are washed before inauguration into the priestly office.

III. The King's anointing for Service.

Note the Sequence of events.

1. "When" went up straightway out of water.
The Obedient Son.
 2. The opened heavens. Cf Mk."Split".
 3. The symbolic descending Spirit.
 4. The voice from heaven. cf Heb 12.20-21 Ex.19.16-18.
- THE VOICE AT THAT TIME WAS GOD'S TESTIMONY TO THE SILENT UNKNOWN YEARS THAT HAD BEEN LIVED IN OBSCURITY.

IV. The Testing in the Wilderness. 4.1-11.

1. It was in the wilderness. 4.1. Mk. 1.11.
2. There were three temptations, and each of them was an attack from a different angle, but each had the same underlying thought. Leaving the place of dependence on God. For Bread. For recognition of His claims. For kingdoms of world
3. Method of Attack. Weakness of Body. Need of Food. Supply need for yourself. "If" Son of God.
Method of Defense. Word of God. Deut.8.3