

Three Things You Find In The Wilderness

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Luke 4:1-13 (NLT)

¹ Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry. ³ Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, change this stone into a loaf of bread."⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"⁵ Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. ⁷ I will give it all to you if you will worship me."⁸ Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'"⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off!"¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you. ¹¹ And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"¹² Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'"¹³ When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

THREE THINGS JESUS LOST & FOUND IN THE WILDERNESS

Lost: Fresh bread to satisfy his stomach

Found: The nourishment of God's Holy Word

Luke 4:4 (NKJV)

But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

This first temptation addressed our Lord's view of RESOURCES.

Lost: Rulership over the kingdoms of the world

Found: Worshiping and serving God alone

Luke 4:8 (NKJV)

And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

The second temptation tested our Lord's view of RESPONSIBILITY.

Lost: Presumptuous faith that elevates self over God

Found: True faith that doesn't test God but trusts God

Luke 4:12 (NKJV)

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

The second temptation tested our Lord's view of REPUTATION.

Jesus was "filled with the Spirit," and was then "led by the Spirit" (Luke 4:1) but after His testing in the wilderness Jesus returned in the "Power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14).