



³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" Luke 4:3-4

THE TEMPTER

The Devil and His Temptations

1) In Luke chapter 4, the devil appears onto the scene unannounced. What insight do these other Biblical texts share with us about the nature of the devil?

John 8:44

1 Thessalonians 3:5

Hebrews 2:14

Jesus' Response to the Devil

Jesus' response to the devil's temptation in Luke 4:4 is a quote from Deuteronomy 8:3, which happens to be a message from Israel's story. Read all of Deuteronomy chapter 8 to understand the context of where Jesus retrieves his response from. Then, reflect on the following questions:

2) How does Jesus' response to the devil's temptations exemplify the message not only of Deut. 8:3 but also of Deut. 8:17-19?

3) What does Jesus' response to the devil's temptation, and the fact that he quotes from Deuteronomy, reveal to us about who Jesus is and what his guiding principles are?

Our Response to the Devil, as Disciples of Christ

4) Jesus calls us to turn from the powers of Satan to the powers of God (Acts 26:18). How does Jesus demonstrate this turning in Luke 4:4 and furthermore; in what ways is Jesus calling you to turn from Satan, towards God?

Closing Prayer: Pray for the Spirit to lead and guide you in turning away from the temptations of the devil and towards our life-giving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.