

**Short Cuts**  
**Matthew 3:13-4:11 (Deuteronomy 6:10-15)**  
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With every temptation there is much more at stake than the issue of the moment

- Our future is at stake
- Our family's future is at stake
- Our Faith is at stake.

Temptation #3 – **To try to take a short cut to the right destination**

*Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."*

- This temptation includes **compromise**.
- This temptation involves **competition**.
  - *Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*
- This temptation ignores **conscience**.
  - *1 Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup>speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,*
  - *Titus 1:15-16, To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. <sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.*
  - *(Also Ephesians 4:17-20)*

Answer #3: **I know who God is: nothing will take His place.**

*Matthew 4:10 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.' "* (Deuteronomy 6:10-15)

Satan's unchanging temptation tactics:

- **Doubt** God's Word
- **Dismiss** God's warning
- **Deny** God his worship

Stop and think:

- Do I really want to sacrifice the important for **the immediate?**
- Do I really want to sacrifice principles because of **pressure?** Proverbs 19:2

- Do I really want to sacrifice unbroken fellowship with God for **unsatisfying immediate gratification?**

