

The Gospel of Matthew #20

TEMPTATION #1: TAKING THINGS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS

Matthew 4:1-4

40 days without *any* (Lk 4:2) food. Nearly 6 weeks. Hungry!

I. Nature of the temptation

A. Prove yourself: “***If/since*** You are the Son of God...”

Challenge to 3:17; cf. v6

B. Take things into your own hands to satisfy yourself

II. Nature of Jesus’ answer

A. Note: He does not even address the insinuation: secure

B. Qts Deut 8:3: to Israel in the wilderness: I provided you with manna in the desert to show you I can provide for you in any situation—so you would learn to live by My Word

Contrast first and second Adams

Test is Q of confidence in a good Father’s care so not have to take matters into His own hands. He will not use special powers to avoid living by faith like the rest of us

Jesus refuses to turn stones into bread for Himself so He can become The Bread for you and me (26:26 cf Jn 6:25-59)

III. How are we similarly tempted?

When we do not trust a _____ Father to
provide what we _____ and _____ our

When we take matters into our own hands

Eg Abram with Hagar

CPC and our hoped for **facility**

Personal testings of trusting God and waiting for His provision

- Avoid debt on large purchases for things I “must have now”
- For a son/daughter in rebellion. Not manipulate or make look good
- Marrying a man/woman who will not help you spiritually because you are afraid to let him/her go

Laying our desires before Him, believing He will provide with a heart of love

First temptation demonstrates that obeying God and believing Him always go together.

Jesus did not *need* to turn stones into bread because He trusted His Father 100%. He _____ ; therefore He _____.

Your _____ is connected to your _____ in Him.

Where are you tempted to take things into your own hands? Come and place them in His Hands now.