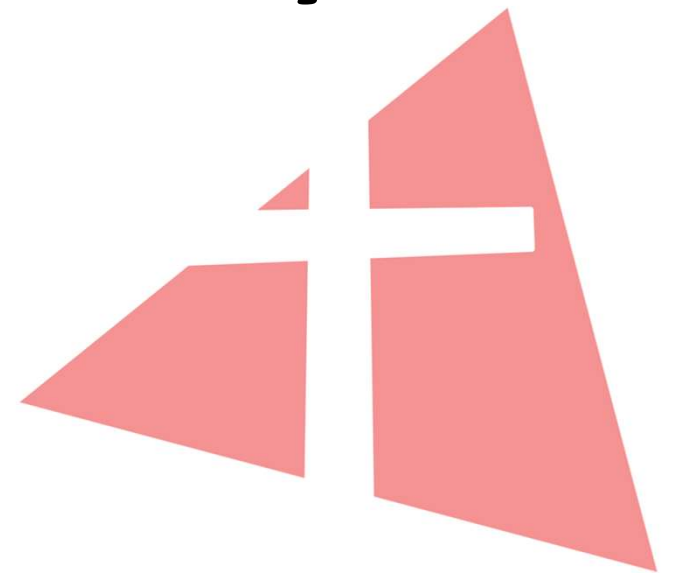


Spiritual Warfare: Satan's Tactics, Jesus' Victory (Part 2)

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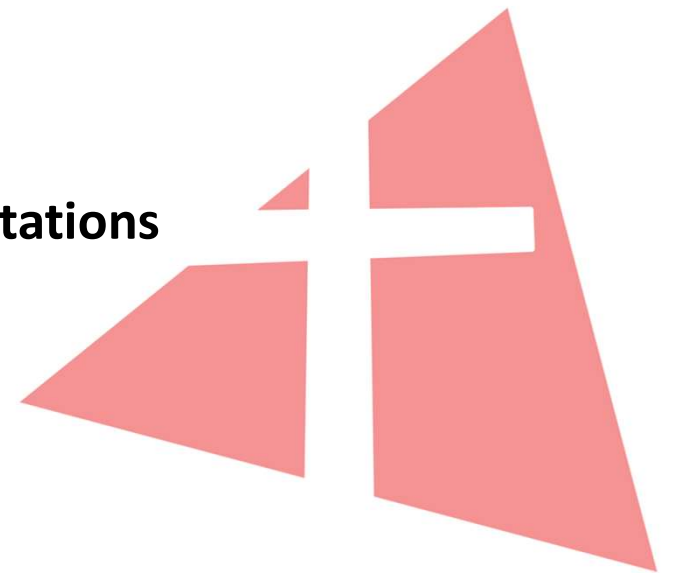
Our Series

- **Spiritual Warfare**
 - Jesus and satan have different plans for our lives
 - We support one or the other (whether we know it or not)
- **Satan's Tactics in the Garden of Eden**



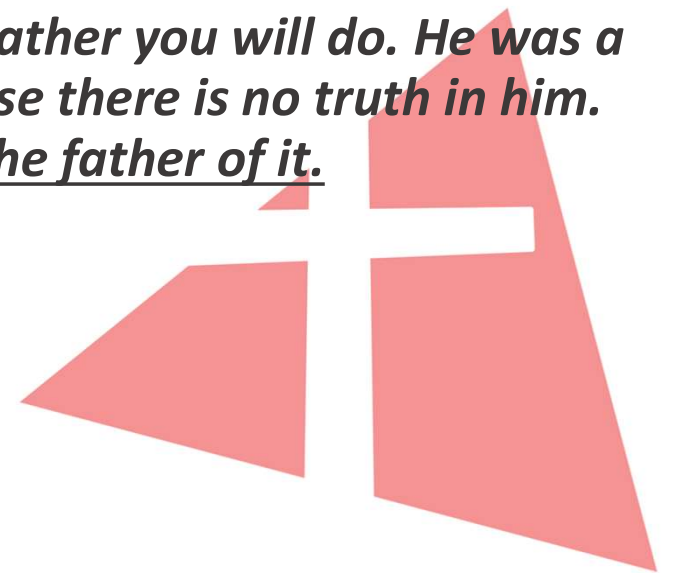
Today's Focus

- **Satan's Temptation of Jesus**
 - Same tactics he used on Eve
 - But unlike Eve, Jesus resisted
- **Jesus' response gives us a tool how we can resist satan's temptations**



Satan lies

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

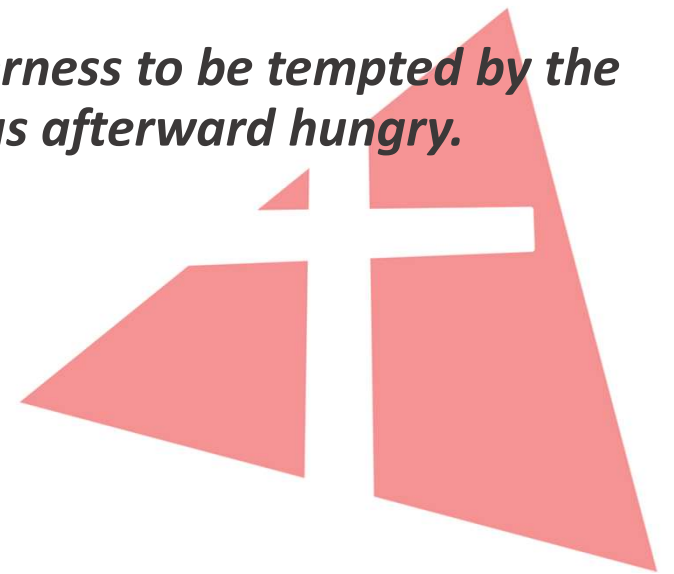


Today's Main Passage

Matthew 4:1-11 Then was Jesus led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungry. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Then the devil took him up into the holy city, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, And said unto him, If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning you: and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, You shall not test the Lord your God. Again, the devil took him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And said unto him, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me. Then said Jesus unto him, Begone, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve. Then the devil left him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

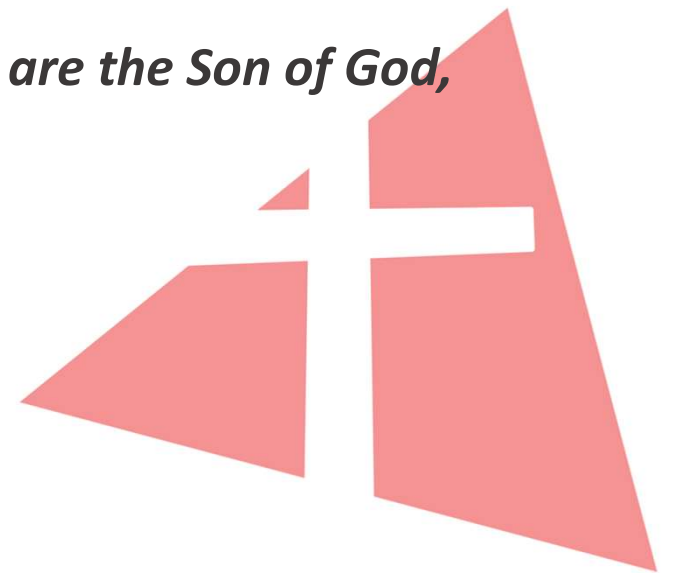
Satan's Timing

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Satan's First Temptation

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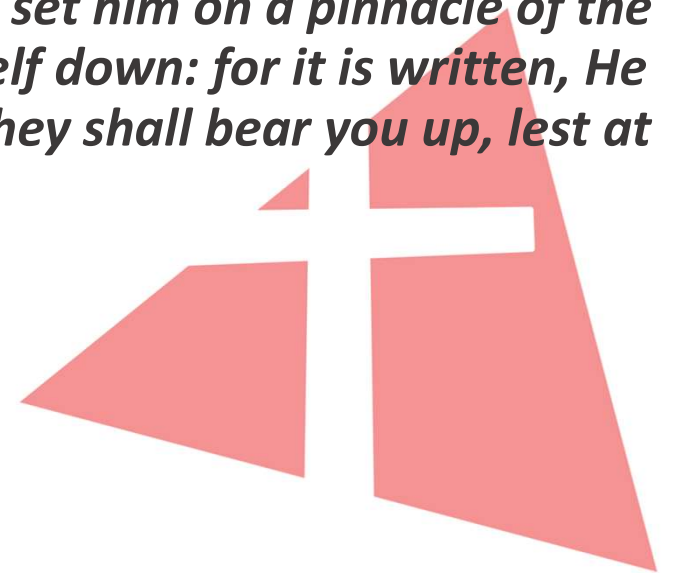
Jesus' First Reply

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.



Satan's Second Temptation

Matthew 4:5-6 Then the devil took him up into the holy city, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, And said unto him, If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning you: and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone.



Jesus' Second Reply

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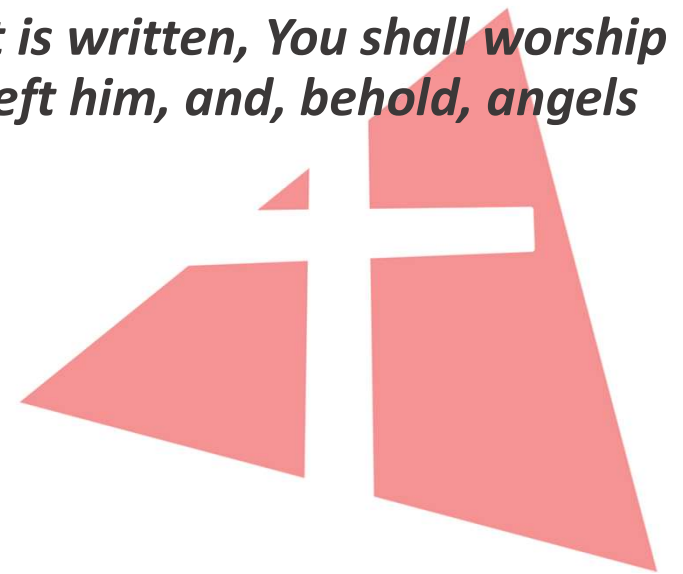
Satan's Third Temptation

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Jesus' Third Reply

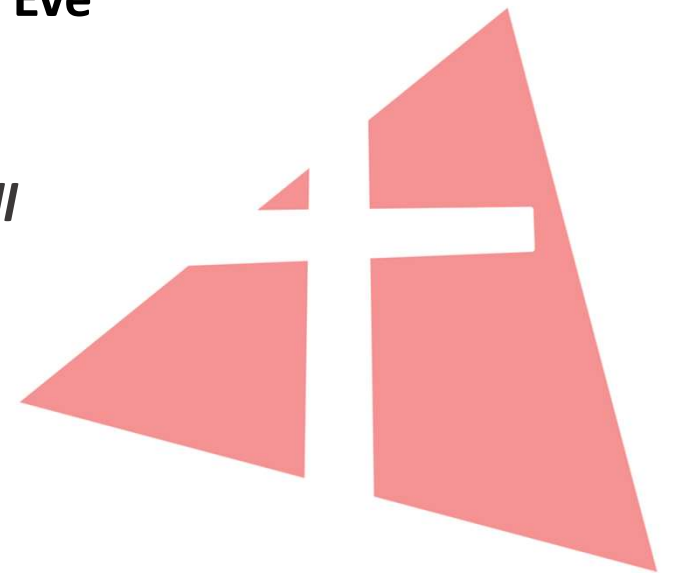
Matthew 4:10-11 Then said Jesus unto him, Begone, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve. Then the devil left him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.



Satan's Tactics

- **Satan basically used the same tactics on Jesus that he used on Eve**
 - And he is still trying to use the same tactics on us

Satan doesn't need any new tactics. The old ones work quite well



Satan's plan for us

- **Twisting God's Word**
- **Seeming shortcuts to our God-given destination**
- **Doubts**
- **Testing God**
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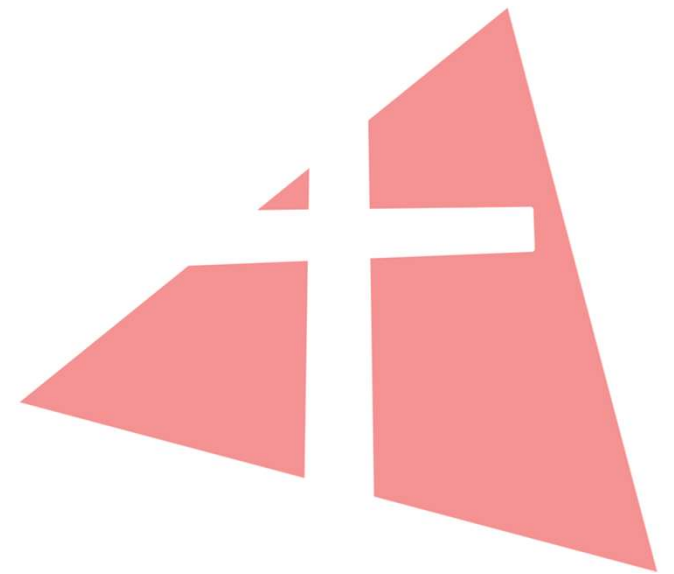
Our Defense

- **Opposing satan's lies with The Word of God**



Our Defense

- **Exposing the lies of satan with the Truth from God's Word!**



Our Defense

- **We must confirm the Truth with our actions**



In Conclusion

- **Jesus gave us a model of how we can defeat satan's temptations**
 - Replacing satan's lies with God's Truth
 - Acting on the Truth
- **How well we do this is a key element to whether we allow Jesus to win as He fights with satan over us**





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