

Commentary on Matthew 4:1-11

This passage describes the encounter that Jesus had with devil, alone in the wilderness after He had been fasting for over forty days and forty nights. This comes soon after his baptism by John the Baptist where Jesus was proclaimed as the beloved Son of God as the Holy Spirit's presence and power was rendered unto Him. Jesus was tempted by Satan to challenge his power as the Son of God, yet Jesus was also human. Jesus was no more or less susceptible to temptation as are any other humans. Nevertheless, as Jesus was equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit, knowledge of Scripture, and had the obedience to God, he was able to ward off the temptations of Satan. In analyzing the background and foreground of this passage, which sits at the end of the first narrative section of the narrative/discourse literary structure of the book of Matthew, I have come to realize that this temptation of Jesus and his spiritual ability to resist temptations is the inauguration of Jesus' public ministry and work. The whole text is a symbolic narrative, which is divided into three, sermon-like points marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit and by quotations by Jesus from the book of Deuteronomy. This passage is symbolic of the forty years the Israelites were tempted in the wilderness and the human nature of Jesus.

This passage occurs at the beginning of the first narrative section of Matthew. Often viewed as the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the function of this passage seems to verify his humanness as well as his authenticity as the Son of God. This temptation of Jesus comes directly after his baptism and his anointing of the Holy Spirit by God, his father. The beginning of this passage "tells us that Jesus was [led] into the wilderness by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil" (Albright and Mann). I believe that without this temptation, as a confirmation of his humanness is a vital part to the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

In this passage, there are three different types of temptation. The lust of the flesh (v. 4:3), the lust of the eyes (v. 4:5), the pride of life resisted (v. 4:9). This test of Jesus in the wilderness after fasting for forty days and nights is very symbolic of the time the Israelites 40 years spent wandering in the wilderness as told in Exodus. The tests by Satan and the refusals to succumb to the temptation are in somewhat of a three-point sermon outline. Each time the devil tempts Him, he overcomes Satan by quoting scripture from Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy was a major part of the Jewish scripture of this day and age. The first temptation seems to come at such a perfect time. It is the first temptation after Jesus' huge 40 day fasting. This would be a huge temptation to any human, and I am sure Jesus felt as much of a temptation as you and I would have. It was not necessarily a sin to command stones into bread. The sin would have been in the abuse of power and the succumbing to the wishes of Satan. He knew that it was not the will of God. The second temptation, the test of the eyes, was an attempt to convince Jesus to abuse his power by causing the angels to rescue him from a great, unnecessary fall. Jesus had no reason to do this, His time had not yet come for him to reveal His glory and He was not about to just randomly jump from a high cliff so that his angels might come and rescue Him just to prove his immortality. The third temptation was Satan's last and futile effort to corrupt the Son of Man. Satan told Jesus that if He would only bow down and worship him that all the kingdoms and the power of the world would be His. Now Satan has often been referred to as the Great Deceiver. Even if Jesus had bowed down to Satan, it is more than likely that the kingdoms of the Earth would not be His. Not only did Jesus know this, he would not, could not, and most certainly refused to bow down and worship Satan. By this point, Jesus had had enough. "Be gone Satan!" He shouts before rebuking the last temptation with another scripture from Deuteronomy.

This text is important because of the intimate way it shows Jesus. It reminds us so much of the temptation in the garden of Gethsemane. In both passages, we see Jesus in a very naked, vulnerable and innocent state. Both times, Satan shows up to tempt Him but Jesus remains the conqueror knowing that He had come to earth for a greater purpose. This text is also special to me in a way that it reaffirms how I should be living. We are called to be like Christ. During his ministry, He was filled with the Holy Spirit. As we are also filled with the Holy Spirit, we are able to refuse to succumb to temptations with our knowledge of the scripture. For it is written in 1 Corinthians 10:13, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 15, 2015



Reverend Dr. Thomas S. Simmons
Associate Minister – Sunday Preacher



Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr.
Pastor



Reverend P. Frances Watson
Minister of Education/Administrative Assistant

The Celebration of Morning Worship.....7:55 A.M.
The Church School9:30 A.M.

Mr. Arthur W. Byrd, Jr., Deacon – Superintendent

“Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Matthew 4:10 KJV

The Prelude Ms. Angela M. Mosley
“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” No. 364

The Call to Worship..... Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr.
“O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:
for his mercy endureth forever.”

The Prayer of Invocation..... In Unison
Almighty God, merciful Father: we do not deserve to be called your children, for we have left you, and wasted our gifts. Help us to know that when we repent and turn to you, you are forgiving, and are coming with joy to welcome us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Chant..... No. 9
“Alleluia”

The Responsive Reading..... Minister/Congregation
“THE LORD’S SUPPER” No. 598

The Hymn of Praise and Adoration..... No. 1
“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Welcome/Announcements/Recognitions
Mrs. Edith Lomax, Deacon/Church Clerk

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Special Music..... The Volunteer Choir
“Standing on the Promises” No. 257

The Scripture..... Minister
“Matthew 4:1-11”

The Prayer..... Minister

The Prayer Response..... Choir/Congregation
“Sweet Hour of Prayer” No. 332

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

- PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS -

- Mrs. Lillian Anderson3212 Rosewood Avenue
- Mrs. Michelle Crawford-Brooks Henrico Doctors – Forest Campus – Room 227
- Mrs. Dorothy Clark 1261 Marywood Lane, Apt 311
- Mrs. Marie Collins5301 Orinda Drive, 23223
- Mrs. Florine Fleming, Deaconess6201 Whistler Road
- Mr. Moses Fenner 2903 Lawson Street, 23224**
- Mrs. Helen Foster Beth Sholom Lifecare – 1600 John Rolfe Prkwy - Room 208/Unit 2
- Mrs. Addie Fountain607 Fountain Lane
- Miss Helena Fountain.....607 Fountain Lane
- Mrs. Denise Hardy10640 Anna Marie Drive
- Mr. Herbert Jackson 709 Parham Road
- Ms. Everlena King..... 4403 Forest Hill Avenue
- Ms. Marjorie McIntyre 1261 Marywood Lane, Apt 209
- Mrs. Mary Lee Reid 1914 Pemberton Road
- Mrs. Emma J. Truman..... Imperial Plaza, 1715 Bellevue Avenue, Apt 208
- Mrs. Florence Tyler..... 1819 Pemberton Road
- Reverend P. Frances Watson..... 121 Taylor Avenue West, Hampton, Virginia 23663
- Mr. Uriel Winfree.....3210 Hunters Mill Circle
- Mr. Charles Woodson, Deacon 2135 Francis Road, Glen Allen
- Mr. James Woodson..... 3221 French Avenue

HOW MAY WE SERVE YOU?

- Sickness in the Home
- Desires Offering Envelopes
- Moved to the Address Below
- A Newcomer in the Community
- Seeking Church Membership
- Desires A Pastoral Call
- Children for Church School
- In Need of Prayer

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ DATE _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Information supplied by: _____

Please check desired one(s), tear off, and place in the offering plate or give to the Minister.

Information supplied by: _____

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Mr. William Hudgins (804) 270-1386 and Mr. Timothy Floyd (804) 527-1494

Please inform them of any persons that are sick

Announcements

March 16 at 6:00 P.M.

March 16 at 7:00 P.M.

March 18 at 11:00 A.M.

March 18 at 6:45 P.M.

March 18 at 7:30 P.M.

March 21 at 8:30 A.M.

March 21 at 11:00 A.M.

March 24 at 6:00 P.M.

March 25 at 11:00 A.M.

March 25 at 6:45 P.M.

March 25 at 7:30 P.M.

March 27 at 7:30 P.M.

March 28 at 9:00 A.M.

March 31 at 6:30 P.M.

April 1 at 7:00 P.M.

April 2 at 6:00 P.M.

April 2 at 6:30 P.M.

April 2 at 7:00 P.M.

April 2 at 7:00 P.M.

April 4, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

April 5

April 6 at 6:00 P.M.

April 6 at 7:00 P.M.

April 8 at 11:00 A.M.

April 11, 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

April 11 at 10:00 A.M.

April 11 at 11:00 A.M.

April 13 at 6:30 P.M.

April 19 at 2:30 P.M.

April 19 at 3:00 P.M.

April 25, 10:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

April 26

****ONE SERVICE****

May 3

The Commission on Finance will meet

Women in Mission Ministry Meeting

The Senior Citizens Ministry will meet

Bible Study – Reverend Dr. Thomas S. Simmons, Instructor

The Topic is “Prayer” – Matthew 6:9-13

Prayer and Praise

TUCKAHOE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Women’s Auxiliary

Prayer Breakfast – Donation \$20 – Multi-Purpose Building

See Connie Spindle for tickets – **WORKERS NEEDED**

THE CHORAL ENSEMBLE WILL REHEARSE

WOMEN’S DAY PLANNING MEETING

The Senior Citizens Ministry will meet

Bible Study – Reverend Dr. Thomas S. Simmons, Instructor

Prayer and Praise

BROTHERS KEEPERS Banquet – Multi-Purpose

Building – **WORKERS NEEDED**

~~TBA THE 150th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE WILL MEET~~

PASTOR AND PEOPLE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

CHURCH SCHOOL EASTER PROGRAM “The Easter Miracle”

THE CHILDREN/YOUTH MASS CHOIR WILL REHEARSE

The Children’s Ministry will meet

THE COMBINED CHOIR WILL REHEARSE

The Ushers will meet

COMMUNITY DAY–FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOMES YOU!

EASTER SUNDAY

The Commission on Finance will meet

Quarterly Church Meeting - BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE

SENIOR CITIZENS to travel to MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST

CHURCH, 8775 Mount Olive Avenue, Glen Allen, VA

DEACON HERBERT A. CRUSHSHON, JR. WALKATHON

Deep Run Parkway – Sponsored by the Deacon’s Ministry

Tuckahoe Assoc Quarterly Meeting – Tabernacle Bapt Church

THE CHORAL ENSEMBLE WILL REHEARSE

Trustees Meeting

VIRGINIA STATE BANQUET – Multi-Purpose Building –

WORKERS NEEDED – ESPECIALLY MEN

Male Chorus Engagement-Antioch Bapt Church–Matthews, VA

WOMEN’S DAY LUNCHEON Honoring the Legacy of

Legends, Trailblazers, and Visionaries – Tickets \$20

WOMEN’S DAY - SPEAKER – Deacon Mary G. Herbin

Memorial/Ads– ¼ Page \$15– ½ Page \$25– Full Page \$50

REMAINING \$50 DUE – Men’s Fellowship Sports Outing



The Stewardship Challenge/Prayer.....Mrs. Norma Hudgins, Deacon
“2 Corinthians 9:6-7”

THE MUSICAL OFFERING/TITHES/OFFERINGS

(Benevolence).....In Unison

“Psalm 24” *KJV*

(MORTGAGE).....Ushers/Deacons/Congregation

“Praise Him!”

(Tithes/General).....Ushers/Deacons/Congregation

“What Shall I Render?”

The Offertory PrayerMrs. Edith Lomax, Deacon

The Offertory Response.....No. 559

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Hymn of Preparation.....No. 222

“Higher Ground”

The SermonReverend Dr. Thomas S. Simmons

Associate Minister

“STAND UP TO YOUR TEMPTATIONS”

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Invitational HymnNo. 151

“Old Time Religion”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitational Statement

The Prayer of Confession/Dedication

The PardonNo. 147

“He Touch Me”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Let Us Break Bread Together” No. 358

“There Is a Fountain” No. 142

The Closing Prayer/Benediction/Grace Minister

The Choral Response Choir/Congregation

“The Lord’s Prayer” No. 540

The Hymn of Fellowship/Dedication.....No. 141

“Nothing But the Blood”

The Period of Prayer and Praise.....10:40 A.M.
The Celebration of Morning Worship..... 10:55 A.M.

“Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Matthew 4:10 KJV

The Prelude Mr. Paul Locke

The Introit**No. 133**
“Spirit of the Living God”

The Call to Worship..... Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr.
“O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:
for his mercy endureth forever.”

The Prayer of Invocation In Unison
Almighty God, merciful Father: we do not deserve to be called your children, for we have left you, and wasted our gifts. Help us to know that when we repent and turn to you, you are forgiving, and are coming with joy to welcome us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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The Scripture..... Minister
“Matthew 4:1-11”

Special Music..... The Sanctuary Choir
The Male Chorus

The Prayer Minister

The Prayer Response Choir/Congregation
“Touch Me, Lord Jesus” **No. 201**

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“2 Corinthians 9:6-7”

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The Preparational Selection..... The Sanctuary Choir

The Sermon**Reverend Dr. Thomas S. Simmons**
Associate Minister

“OVERCOMING YOUR TEMPTATIONS”

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Invitational Hymn **No. 244**
“Yield Not to Temptation”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitational Statement

The Prayer of Confession/Dedication

The Pardon**No. 147**
“He Touch Me”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Let Us Break Bread Together” **No. 358**

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