

Our Dilemma, God's Answer

For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Romans 5.19

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
Matthew 4.1*

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And it was _____ by the power of the Holy Spirit that He was able to, not just resist the wiles of the devil, but to overcome them with an amazing clarity of thinking which was grounded in God's Word.

Jesus' temptation was a _____ of faith, and Jesus won with hands down. If we want to be like Jesus as we face life's trials and temptations we need what He had: the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

This is the devil's first attack, tempting Jesus to satisfy His hunger by using His power for His _____ ends.

Jesus is hungry and vulnerable and in His vulnerability Satan attacks Jesus' _____:
If you are the Son of God....

Jesus redirects our attention away from what we may consider the basics for security and survival, food and money, to something else that is just as important, living *by every _____ that comes from the mouth of God.*

Jesus used God's Word to _____ Satan's first temptation, now Satan tried to turn the tables on Jesus by using God's Word, Psalm 91, in His second temptation Him. Psalm 91 expresses the care God has for His children.

God has purposed His Word to affirm us and build us up in faith, but that same Word is used by Satan to distort God's purpose, turning it into a _____ of God.

This brings us to Jesus' third temptation in which the devil offered Him all the kingdoms of this world and all their splendor if He would only fall down and worship him. Kingdoms are about _____, power is about control. Power is another basic human need, like security and affection.

The three temptations of Jesus cover all of life: security, affection and _____, as well as, their nuanced expressions around money, sex and power. What does this mean for us! Jesus accomplished what we cannot accomplished. He succeed where we fail. Waking up to the fact that I don't have what it takes and I can't get it right when it comes to living in the Kingdom of God drives me back to the Cross time and time again.

_____ is God's a to the human dilemma of sin!

Whatever the dilemma in which you may find yourself today or any day, God has the answer in Christ. Look to the _____ of God's Word and Spirit even as Jesus did when tempted by Satan in the wilderness.