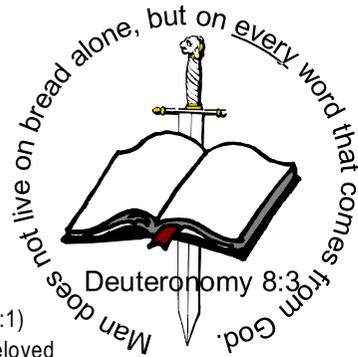


# Our King In Battle

Matthew 4:1-11



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## 1. The King Crowned (3:13-17)

- John *tries continuously* to stop Jesus from being baptized.
- Christ honors baptism.
- He says, "It is right!" (v. 15)
- The Holy Spirit's anointing. (Isaiah 61:1)
- The Word of God says, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"

## 2. New Testament Thoughts on Temptation

- We are foolish if we think temptation is a light thing. (1 Cor. 10:12-13)
- We are to pray that we do not fall into temptation. (Matthew 26:41)
- The King taught us to pray for protection against temptation. (Matthew 6:13)
- Temptation is not sin but something to be fought. (James 1:12-15)

## 3. The Time of the Battle (v. 1)

- Immediately after His baptism.
- Immediately after receiving affirmation from the Father.
- ★ Strong temptations come when we are feeling secure. (See Paul's in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10)

## 4. The Enemy (v. 1)

- He is the devil! – Satan.
- He is known as a *liar, murderer, roaring lion, and tempter*. (John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8; Matthew 4:3)
- He is a master of disguise! (1 Corinthians 11:14).
- He is a master at deceit – in actions and words!
- If he tempted Jesus, the Son of God, we have every reason to beware of his tempting us! (Luke 6:40)
- We are commanded to *resist* the devil. (James 4:7)

## 5. The Battleground (vv. 1-2)

- The wilderness.
- Under conditions of hunger and fatigue.

- Contrast the first Adam's temptation with that of the *second* Adam's:

FIRST ADAM	SECOND ADAM
King of OLD Creation. (Gen. 1:26)	King of NEW Creation. (2 Cor. 5:17)
Tempted in a beautiful garden.	Struggling alone in a wilderness.
At his best when he was tempted.	Hungry after a 40 day fast.
Sinned and lost his dominion.	Obedied and regained that which was lost.
Adam was defeated and brought death to humanity.	Christ was victorious and brought life.

## 6. The Battle and It's Lessons (vv. 3-11)

- ① PROVE YOURSELF! (vv. 3-4)
  - Satan takes advantage of our circumstances.
  - Circumstances are *never* a reason to give into temptation.
    - Proverbs 30:7-9
  - Satan's aim is for us to *doubt* God's Word.
  - Jesus would wait on the God and not take things into His own hands.
  - Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. *It is written* . . . Deut. 8:3.
- ② TEMPT GOD! (vv. 5-7)
  - Satan *misquotes* and *misapplies* Scripture. Psalm 91:11.
  - Satan uses the phrase, *It is written* . . .
  - **DO NOT BELIEVE ANY MAN!** (Acts 17:11; Eph. 5:6; 2 Thess. 2:3)
  - Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. *It is written* . . . Deut. 6:16.
- ③ WORSHIP ME! (vv. 8-10)
  - Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. *It is written* . . . Deut. 6:13
  - Worship is the *duty* of every human being!
  - If Christ thought it was important then every creature is required to do the same!

## 7. Our Victorious King

- He came to set us an example *to follow*. (1 Peter 2:21)
- He was *led by the Spirit into battle*. (John 5:19)
- He gave Satan all the advantages!
- He *suffered* temptation – He *identified* Himself with us.
- He *feels as we feel!* (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15)
- He can *deliver!*
- He can *save!*
- HE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP AND OUR OBEDIENCE!