

More Than An Overcomer

Luke 4:1-13

IN THIS CORNER...he's known as "Your Adversary, a Roaring Lion, "cunning as a Serpent" & "a Murderer from the beginning of time."

IN THIS CORNER...He's known as "the LAMB of God," "The WAY, the TRUTH & the LIFE," "the Messiah, Christ & the Savior of the world."

Through this Heavyweight Bout, WE can Learn HOW to OVERCOME Temptations the Devil Throws our way...

1. SITUATIONS SATAN USES TO TEMPT US.

- The Temptation of Jesus came AFTER He was BAPTIZED.
- The Lord's Baptism gave APPROVAL to John's Ministry.
- The Lord's Baptism IDENTIFIED Him with Sinners.
- The Lord's Baptism was a PICTURE How He'd Save Us.
- This Temptation came at Time of Physical WEAKNESS.
- This Temptation came to Jesus When He was ALONE.

2. STRATEGIES SATAN USES TO TEMPT US.

- The Devil can't MAKE (Force) YOU do ANYTHING.
- He is Successful because he Uses Tried & True STRATEGIES of tempting us.
- FIRST...he LAYS out the BAIT...
- SECOND...COMES the APPEAL...
- THIRD...the STRUGGLE BEGINS...
- FOURTH...the Temptation ENDS with a RESPONSE...Swim away or Swallow it whole.

3. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' TEMPTATIONS.

- The Holy Spirit "PROVED" Christ...the devil tried to "LURE HIM to do Evil."
- LIKE US, Jesus could be Tempted from "WITHOUT" all day long.
- BUT UNLIKE US, Jesus Could NOT be Tempted from "WITHIN."
- Jesus Could be "ENTICED" to Sin BUT it was Morally Impossible for Him "to YIELD" to those Temptations.
- The Sole PURPOSE of the Temptations was NOT to see IF He would Sin, but to PROVE that even under Tremendous Pressure He could Do Nothing but OBEY the Word of God.