

The temptation of the Lord - spirit, soul and body

Part 1

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[00:00:00] I would just like to read a few scriptures following on from what our brother Ernie has said. I'm sure the scriptures will speak for themselves in relation to the three things that Ernie has been bringing out about the body and the eye and the mind. I turn to Luke chapter 4.

It's keeping in mind the verse in Genesis 3 about the desire and the thing that was pleasant to the [00:01:05] eye and good for food, the three things. I'd like to read verse 21 of chapter 3 first. Now when all the people were baptized it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized and praying the heaven was opened and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him and a voice came from heaven which said thou art my beloved son in thee I am well pleased. I'm going to turn to chapter 4. Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness being 40 days tempted of the devil and in those days he did eat nothing [00:02:08] and when they were ended he afterwards hungered and the devil said unto him if thou be the son of God command this stone that had been made bread. Jesus answered him saying it is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God and the devil taking him up into a high mountain showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time and the devil said unto him all this power will I give thee and the glory of them for that is delivered unto me and to whomsoever I will I give it if thou therefore will worship me [00:03:01] all shall be thine and Jesus answered and said unto him get thee behind me satan for it is written thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou worship shalt thou serve and he brought him to Jerusalem and set him on a pinnacle of the temple and said unto him if thou be the son of God cast thyself down from hence for it is written he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee and in their hands they shall bear thee up lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone Jesus answering said unto him it is said thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God and when the devil had ended all the temptation [00:04:04] he departed from him for a season Jesus returned in the power of the spirit into Galilee and there went the fame of him throughout all the regions round about further like to read in John's epistle so first epistle chapter 2 and verse 14 I have written unto you fathers because ye have known him that is from the beginning [00:05:07] I have written unto you young men because ye are strong and the word of God abideth in you and ye have overcome the wicked one love not the world neither the things that are in the world if any man loves the world the love of the father is not in him for all that is in the world the lust of the flesh the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the father but is of the world and the world passeth away and the lust thereof but he that doeth the will of God the will of God abideth forever and lastly in the epistle to the Galatians [00:06:12] so chapter 2 and verse 20 I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live yet not I but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me I do not frustrate the grace of God for if

righteousness come by the law then Christ is dead in vain and in chapter [00:07:09] chapter 5 verse 24 is the one I'm thinking about I'd like to read from verse 22 but the fruit of the spirit is love joy peace long-suffering gentleness goodness faith meekness temperance against such there is no law and they that are Christ's have crucified have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts if we live in the spirit let us also walk in the spirit let us not be desirous of vainglory provoking one another and being [00:08:04] one another and lastly in chapter 6 and verse 14 God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world I'd just like to the verses I've read you've probably got the connection the first verse about the holy ghost there you might ask why was the Lord Jesus Christ baptized [00:09:04] well it was the baptism of repentance John and he would identify himself and he would identify himself with the people so he took upon himself this baptism in grace the Lord of glory stooping down to mankind and we see in chapter 4 being filled with the holy ghost after the father had said thou art my beloved son in thee I am well pleased the devil seeing in the Lord he had hungered he decided here is possibly the opportunity take him out of the place of service and he tempts him as the son of God there with bread attacking maybe as we [00:10:07] are seeing the body yet the Lord could say it is written just to say that the answer to all the attacks that Satan would provoke from the beginning are answered by the word of God the body now in the second temptation may be we could liken it to to the eye the devil taking him up into a high mountain showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time showed him giving them a view asked him to derive direct his eye to the kingdoms of this world which were his own in reality but were displayed in a moment of time [00:11:02] not taking eternity to display for a moment of time there we see the eye attacked in the Lord and maybe we could see part be in the mind in the last one he was brought to Jerusalem set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said unto him if thou be the son of God cast thyself down from hence so we can see in the three temptations possibly the body the eye in the mind being attacked with the answer being it is written it is written but in the third one it is said and Jesus answering said unto him it is said there is a difference from a sin [00:12:04] to what has been written that which is said involves the mind of the one who said it the God of old the God who gave these statutes had said thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God and the devil having left him Jesus went in the power of the spirit the spirit the John's epistle not now the the Lord being tempted we see the young man being tempted if any man love the world the love of the father is not in him for all that is in the world [00:13:04] the lust of the flesh that is the body the lust of the eyes the pride of life the mind is not of the father but it's of the world and the world the world which was shown in a moment of time passeth away and the lust thereof but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever and just to briefly touch the Galatian references we have in chapter two not know the Lord not know the young man who the man here who experimentally he had met Satan in his trials he had come to a state of reality [00:14:09] maybe about his baptism as well because crucifixion is a similar thought of death and putting out of sight he can say I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live yet not I but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me he has a man living by faith by the faith of the son of God faith removes sight from our visions taking his eye off now the temptations [00:15:01] being lost as it were from his sight we see now the eye of faith in the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me he was the one who gave himself commandments left behind now no system could satisfy the heart of God he gave himself freely for me and last secondly that would be the I chapter 4 chapter 5 sorry speaking about the spirit of love and those fruits of the spirit he comes to this now and they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and the lusts this is now [00:16:04] the body now not the eye and fear it's now I the crucified fiction of the flesh with the affections and the lusts and the living in the spirit bringing into that spirit as the Lord had been filled with the spirit he says if we live in the spirit let us walk in the spirit if it's put as an argument then it is a possibility if we live in the spirit maybe we can exercise our hearts as to the answer do we live in the

spirit do we walk in the spirit are we in our measure filled with the spirit [00:17:02] if so then the features of the Lord Jesus Christ and the spirit the fruit of the spirit will be seen in our lives so the crucifixion of and the eye with respect to the eye respect to the body and now we get the mind in chapter 6 verse 14 God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world what maybe you can ask what is our glory glory where are our motives is the glory in what we own in what we have maybe not sharing as we [00:18:04] should with the brethren love he that loveth his brother will give he that loveth is born of God he that loveth God dwelleth in him and he in God we pray that these things that God forbid that I should glory save in that blessed cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and answer to thy constancy quickly to return and cause my heart oppressed to burn beat out the object right and fair fulfilled and satisfy the heart of my hope to meet thee in the air and never more from thee to father that I may undistracted be [00:19:02] to follow to serve and wait for thee