

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

14.08.16

Theme: The Scope of Temptations (11)

Memory verse: *Matthew chapter four verse six: "And saith unto him, if thou be the son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thou fool against stone."*

Texts: Matthew 4:3-10, 1 John 2:15-17

In the second temptation, Satan approached Jesus from the religious dimension. The devil took Him up into the holy city and set Him up on a pinnacle of the temple. Right in a holy temple, in a holy city and with quotation from a holy scripture, Satan sought to provoke Jesus into action. He quoted the scripture incorrectly and out of context (Psalm 91:11-12). This was a temptation to vainglory. Since the Jews were expecting a miracle working messiah, such an act should have made them hailed Him, as having fulfilled the prophecy (Malachi 3: 1). But Christ rejected the praise and glory of man. Instead, He gave a correct answer to the devil (Matt 4: 7, Deut. 6: 16).

This was a temptation to possess the kingdom of the world and it's glory without suffering, and before the Father's appointed time (Rev. 11:15). The crown must be won through the pathway of the cross. Satan's offers are deceitful, so we should be more careful. Through the lust of the eyes and the desire for power, the devil always try to get believers to bow down and worship him (Matt. 4:10).

Once again, Jesus remained under the authority of the scripture and absolute submission to God's will. He rejected the offer of ruler ship by compromise and negotiation with the devil For Jesus, the only legal way of establishing His kingdom is through the conquest of hell, and also to overthrow the kingdom of darkness against the Cross. Many Christians, who follow the pathway of Jesus victory over Satan, are victorious all the time. This is a lesson to ponder and think about through the help of God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!! Amen!!!!!!