

## Matthew 4:1-11 NASB

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." <sup>4</sup>But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup>and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

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### SERMON NOTES

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## One Necessary Thing

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Philippians 3:13-14 "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Luke 10:41-42 <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; <sup>42</sup>but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Only one thing is necessary.

- Jesus as fierce fighter
- Satan as subtle opponent
  - Focus on physical needs (First Temptation)
  - Focus on psychological needs (Second Temptation)
  - Focus on vocational goals (Third Temptation)
- Scripture as effective weapon

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"The people sitting in darkness saw a great light." (Isaiah 9:2)