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The Parables of Jesus, Part 3

Stoney Ground: Time of Temptation

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Opening Summary

There is a time of temptation for everyone. In this lesson we will see how Jesus handled His time of temptation. It was that time in His life that would be crucial to the salvation of mankind. Since He was successful at this pivotal time, we can follow His footsteps and handle any temptation, test or trial in the same manner to bring about victory.

- I. Mat. 13:21: Offended means (skandalizo): trapped, tripped up, stumble, enticed to sin, apostasy.
- II. Luke 8:11-13: We will look at stony ground: Underline *time of temptation*.
 - A. *Temptation* (Gk.: peirasmos) means *putting to proof or adversity*.
 - B. They lasted until the *time of temptation*. It reveals what's in your heart.
 - C. 1 Pet. 1:3-6: *For a season* means *a little while*.
 - D. Manifold means multiple, a stack-attack. Satan's attacks work with one another. He applies the pressure to get you to become offended (skandalizo).
 - E. 1 Pet. 1:7: *Times of temptation* can seem like being in a hot furnace in which you won't survive. You may not survive unless you have the seed rooted in you.
 - F. 1 Pet. 1:9: You will receive deliverance through the fire (Psa. 23:4).
 - G. Remember the time of temptation is temporary. The Word rooted (with depth and water) in your heart provides whatever deliverance you need (Rom. 1:16).
 - H. Rooting the Word in your heart causes you to be good ground, the one in four.
- III. How did Jesus do in His time of temptation? When you read the Bible, ask these questions: Who, where, when, why and how.
- IV. Luke 4:1: This is after Jesus was baptized; the start of His ministry (Luke 3:21-23).
 - A. This is the first thing that happens at the start of Jesus' ministry (Acts 10:38).
 - B. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil?
 1. God dealt with mankind differently at different seasons.
 2. God did everything publicly. Man can see what another man would do.
 3. Abraham became the template that allows the Lord to operate by covenant.
 4. Psalm 8:4-9: God gave the earth to man, but the tree belonged to God (tithe).
 5. Satan knew that you are the servant of the one you obey (Rom. 6:16). Eve first yielded to satan, then Adam (Gen. 3:6). Their minds were blinded (2 Cor. 4:4).
 6. God publicly established His covenant with Abraham so that no one could accuse Him of doing something that was not right (Gen. 22:16; Isa. 53:10).
- V. Satan immediately attacks Jesus at the start of Jesus' ministry (Heb. 4:14-15).
- VI. Luke 4:1-2: Jesus was being tempted for nearly six weeks, but didn't fail.

- A. 1 Cor. 15:45-47: Jesus is the “replay” of Adam.
 - B. The first man was tempted and failed. This man is tempted and succeeded.
 - C. Jesus fasted to weaken His body, and to respond after the Spirit. He expects you to fast (Mat. 6:16)
- VII. Luke 4:3: Satan was trying to wear Jesus down for six weeks.
- A. Jesus *knew* His identity, His assignment and His destination (John 13:3).
 - B. You ought to know who you are, your assignment and know when you’re there.
- VIII. Luke 4:4-9: Jesus uses Scripture to defeat the test (Deu. 8:3; John 4:34-36; 6:27).
- A. *Delivered* means *surrendered* (Gen. 3:6; 2 Cor. 4:4).
 - B. Jesus was tempted with deceitfulness of riches, lust of other things (Mark 4:19).
 - C. All types of cars get me where I need to go. Pride wants people’s favor.
 - D. Satan will tempt you again and again. Your response must be the Scripture.
 - E. Continue to resist satan. Be persistent (James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9).
- IX. Luke 4:10-11: Satan quotes Scripture out of context (James 1:13-14; Mark 16:16).
- A. Mark 16:18 doesn’t mean grabbing a poisonous snake to prove something.
 - B. It’s not spending more money than you should then say God supplies your need.
 - C. You don’t spend unless He said to spend. Take all Scripture in context.
- X. Luke 4:12-13: Satan was unsuccessful and left Jesus, for a season (short while).
- XI. Luke 4:14-19: What happens if you go through the fire?
- A. Without the roots, depth/water, you become offended (skandalizo), fall away.
 - B. If you have enough roots, depth and water, God’s power is available for you.
 - C. Jesus, over time, ministered to the whole region.
- XII. Luke 4:18: Jesus did His assignment and He didn’t care what people thought (Isa. 61:1-3).
- A. Jesus used the tools available to Him in order to do His assignment.
 - B. My assignment is to preach the gospel to areas all over the world. One of the tools I need is a jet. It doesn’t matter what people think about it. It’s a tool.
- XIII. Luke 4:20-27: Satan caused (stones) affliction and persecution (Mark 4:16-17).
- A. During that famine only one woman was blessed. Only one leper was healed.
 - B. You can be the remnant, the one in four, not concerned about public opinion.
 - C. It was God’s will for all of them to be healed.
- XIV. Luke 4:28-30: Satan attacks again. They tried to throw Him off the cliff.
- A. Jesus slipped through the crowd and went His way.
 - B. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

Closing Summary

There is a time of testing. Jesus went through that time of testing but came out with great power. That happened because He knew His assignment. And the same will happen to you when you focus on your assignment and cause the Word to take root in your heart. You’ll see great deliverance every time.