

Temptation of Jesus

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Bible references for this specific time in Jesus' life are located below:

Matt. 4v1-11.

Luke 4v1-13.

Why should this be included in the Bible?

Can it be treated as factual or just dismissed as a 'fairy story'?

Finally, if it is true, then is it The Almighty God being tempted - as suggested by 'Trinity teaching'?

The number 40 is often used throughout the Bible. Is this just coincidence, made up or accurate?

I consider that the number 40 is a deliberate factual period (used by The Almighty God as a deliberate clue for us to use - if we are searching). The number 40 always occurs when a chosen person or persons (to include nation) need to wait for a particular defined period to end. Normally this is in years but often it is mirrored in days as shown in this account. It is also very important today because it is used as a specific marker for us in answer to prophecy.

Up to this point (from birth to the age of 30 years) The Almighty God had been schooling Jesus as He would have done with Adam (the other initially perfect entity that had lived on earth some 4000 years before). This is shown to us in Luke's gospel when Jesus at the age of 12 years stayed behind at the temple (in his Father's house – Luke 2v28). A quote from John, chapter 8v28:

“... I do nothing of myself, but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things truthfully.”

Notice the parallel between the two events. Adam may have been screened from Satan (before Satan was allowed by Yahweh to have authority over the Earth), so similarly I comprehend that Jesus may have been screened from Satan's thrust. This is why I understand that Satan lunged at Jesus when he did, because this was his first real opportunity to snatch Jesus from The Almighty God. Just think of the impact and why these three temptations were so important. Jesus may have been immature to Satan's temptations in an earthly frame and hence at a greater disadvantage.

I can correctly assume that Satan may have had other direct attempts during the next 3.5 years but these are not mentioned (except clearly through the human Pharisees, Sadducees, etc – and even through Peter as we read in Matt.16v22-23, Mark.8v32-33) because only the first instance has full significance. This is mirrored in our society. The first event is remembered but later instances are ignored - for example: First hot air balloon, first airplane flight, first man on the moon, etc.

Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit. Clearly after Jesus had demonstrated to everybody that He had officially started God's ministry, Almighty God poured the required amount of His power into His Earthly representative, the Son of The Almighty God. During these 40 days, Jesus would have thought deeply and had two way communication with his Almighty Father in the heavens about his previous position in The Universe, the immediate sinless 3.5 year task which required a forced death (murder) at the end of it and finally the future position as Mighty God (notice how Isaiah never said Almighty God with reference to Jesus' position) over this part of The Universe, to be accepted as the first/only begotten Son of God upon his “Awakening/Rousing” (resurrection). This would be an enormous task, it would be an intensive education course - to learn The Full Law of The Almighty God, with which He would now be tested, while here on Earth.

Clearly Satan is lurking in the background fully aware of what was occurring, but I truly rationalise however, that The Almighty God's power would have coded it so that the Holy Spirit operating within Jesus would have acted as an interpreter directly within Jesus' brain (this is shown in the letter to the Corinthians). Clearly this is possible today, one example of this would be, man today is able to build transmitters that perform real time encryption based upon any 32 or 64 digit number - as long as the number is known both ends then logical decoded information is received. If we can, surely The Supreme Creator could carry out something just as effective! Satan would have been aware that God has explained the full situation to Jesus (Satan's time has been continuous - while Jesus' has been discontinuous, He has had to learn his true position and all the implications from this during these 40 days), hence at the end of these 40 days, Satan pounced, while Jesus had to rely on his reason based upon his education earlier - hence The Most Opportune time for Satan and a good chance of failure for Jesus.

Satan logically reasoned thus:-

Jesus (within a human fleshly frame) may be confused over this enormity of the presumed undertaking before him - he may even be unstable, subject to any outside suggestion. Jesus may still think that he is talking to The Almighty God instead of Satan. Satan would know that this is God's Son in an 'earthly frame'. He also knew of God's pronouncements to any Sons of God (Adam) in an earthy frame, if you sin, you will permanently die. Clearly he had to make a Son of God sin, this was God's Beloved Son (Jesus was told 40 days earlier): Why not make Jesus sin and hence remove him

permanently from the system of things as well! This would have the bonus of removing the original instigator of life on earth and rightful eternal heir to the result of The Almighty God's creation of the Laws of Nature that pervade throughout The Universe. It would also mean that there would be no successor to rule this planet, Satan reasoned that this **would leave himself to be permanent Ruler**, the other (Jesus) **if**, while in earthly frame had contravened Almighty God's law, would then automatically be destined for permanent death = annihilation. This was based upon the assumption that the Earth and contents were allocated to The Creator (Jesus under Almighty God's instruction) and the present overseer (Satan) – there was no other entity that this earth could go to!

Therefore we can carefully reason why firstly; Jesus clearly was and is not The Almighty God, because he **had** to be in the position to possibly fail in balancing The Prescribed Law on our behalf, that came from The Almighty God as a directorate, his Father, and secondly, - It is totally blasphemous to even suggest The **Almighty** God could possibly fail in anything! For we are told The Father is perfect in all things Matt.5v48).

We are told in many places that it is impossible for Yahweh (The Almighty God) to sin for He is The Absolute Pinnacle of Perfection in The Universe. Yahweh sets all The Standards within The Universe and thus cannot fail in anything.

If Jesus was The Almighty God (as the Trinitarians blithely suppose) then logically everything in The Bible collapses! If it was The Almighty God being tested (or an entity so close to as being part of) then there would not be the freedom to make the choice of Good or Bad - it would always be Good! The freedom of the choice had to be repeated here to balance the freedom of Adam (a Son of God hence originally perfect), like Jesus a Son of God - perfect.

Satan must appear to be “The angel of Light (Knowledge)” (2Cor.11v14) and thus Satan appears to be assisting Jesus in his new quest to save his own creation to befuddle Jesus’ reasoning faculties.

So if you were in Satan’s position then what would you attack first?

The most obvious, is the physical ‘earthy frame’. Make this individual think that they should use these 'new found powers' to satisfy their personal desires. Why not, it would be a simple thing to do! Remember Satan is working on the education that he knew Jesus had just had (though he would not know exactly what had been conveyed): So why not suggest to Jesus:- Use it, try using Almighty God's power, the Holy Spirit (learned of during the 40 day education period) and 'see if it works'. It will help you (Jesus) to feel better and quickly enable you to start your work (whatever it is) reinvigorated.

This seems like a good idea!

Fortunately for Jesus (and us), he recognised who was speaking to him! What did Jesus recognise?

1. The Holy Spirit is used **only** to spread The Almighty God's word to edify others.
2. The Holy Spirit must **only** be used to assist others and not on ‘the self’ (see 2Cor.12v7 as an example).
3. Jesus probably (unknown to Satan) had been warned by The Almighty God that he would some time in the near future be tempted by Satan!

Jesus answers sharply:-

Not only do we need bread for our immediate physical body, but we also need The Word of God for our eternal existence.

What does Jesus mean?

Clearly Jesus acknowledges:- we need physical nourishment, but what is **more important is our dependence upon God's Laws**, God's morality (derived from Yahweh) and not human morality (derived from Satan). If we are outside from God then we are outside His creation, His moral laws which are just as important as the few physical laws known to mankind. Outside the physical laws is the same as being outside the moral laws - the person is unable to exist outside God's regime - hence a state of final non-existence for those humans who when shown the facts - ignore them!

This answer may perhaps have surprised Satan!

Another angle would have to be approached; because the physical body of Jesus, initially thought to be 'the weakest link in the chain', had let Satan down!

The next two attacks must be directed at the spiritual mind, being the mental reasoning power of Jesus Christ. The atheists may now argue the accounts are in a different order and hence invalidate the text. This is a puerile argument. The fact that they are written in a different order does not invalidate the content. There are times when we add something in as an after thought, just to ensure that everything is written down. Luke Gospel was written some 15 to 20 years after Matthew’s account and thus each would have written independently in a manner they personally considered as being more important - being what caught in the mind. It also dispels the suggestion that one was a copy of the other!

But Note:- Jesus told Satan to 'go away' after the attack to worship Satan in both instances, the content is also accurate, and meticulously corroborates each other and thus the order in this context now becomes irrelevant; because the order has no significance in the attacks by Satan - it is the content that becomes significant. Let us now continue and investigate this content in the order suggested by Matthew.

Satan is attacking Jesus' right to be acclaimed as the Son of God. This is what he is suggesting:-

Show me then, prove to me who you are; that YOU believe you are.

You have been communicating to The Almighty God, you know He exists. Confirm what has been communicated - to reinforce your faith within yourself!

Remember what God has said of his servant in Psalm 91:-

For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you safe, they shall bear you up in their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone.

The 'Trinity' School of people assume that Jesus' answer:-

'You should not tempt the Lord your God'.

Infers that:- Satan should not tempt Jesus.

But look at the text very closely!

It is **not** Jesus being asked to save himself, but rather Satan is trying to use The Almighty God's word, (quoted from The Bible) to “force” (through logical reasoning) The Almighty God would save His earthly framed Son from death through a deliberate personal act. Hence Jesus answers Satan as he did effectively:-

Do not put yourself into a position to 'force' The Almighty God (Yahweh) to do something.

Note: Nobody can 'force' Yahweh God to do anything - **when we request what is God's Desire, then it shall be done!**

It shows likeness in purpose. (See “Faith” in Glossary). And we are only placed in this position to know what to ask in prayer (within The Desire of God), when we have personally **studied** God's Word contained within The Bible to thoroughly understand and thus not be ignorant of Yahweh's Desire – else you will be ignored!

But please recognise that this was much more impertinent temptation, Satan was quoting the scriptures back at The Almighty God through His weakened framed Son!

Obviously trying to break the link between Jesus and Yahweh The Almighty God.

This is a very subtle, but strong temptation.

Now we move to Satan's third for now, final and perhaps most powerful temptation yet:-

“All the cities, kingdoms and glory thereof on the Earth, I will give to you if you bow down and worship me!”

Before I explain the subtlety of this temptation, I wish to draw the reader's attention to this:-

Satan obviously had rulership of the planet Earth to be in the position to offer them in the first place - they were his to give, at that period of time (as Luke.4v6 clearly tells us).

Jesus did not say to this temptation:-

'They are not yours to give!'

This custodianship/lease on rulership had been given/assigned to Satan by The Almighty God - **and all of the three parties involved knew this!**

Secondly, All things in (and outside) this universe by default, automatically belong to The Almighty God, so:

Why was Satan thus able to offer them to Jesus, if Jesus was The Almighty God?

Do not forget:-

Satan had to be subservient to The Almighty God as the first chapter in the book of Job shows us!

The Bible has told us that nothing has changed since then.

Clearly again this shows that Jesus is in a different position to his Father being The Almighty God Yahweh.

So what is behind this temptation and why did Satan make this offer?

Clearly what Satan is trying to achieve is make Jesus sin through his own choice! Jesus would then be destined for eternal death (as we all were up to then) because he would have chosen to follow what Satan suggested - hence sinning. Putting it very plainly, Jesus would be sinning if he did not follow The Law of The Almighty God.

The First Commandment is 'You shall have no other gods before Me.'

It was at this point Eve and Adam failed themselves and us some 4000 years earlier to this event with Jesus.

Note: This is a further example to show how The Almighty God and Jesus are separate Entities.

Let us now examine the other aspects of this temptation.

What would be going through Jesus' mind?

Clearly at this point in time we can only speculate (in The New System we may be told) however here are some suggestions:-

1. The suggested reasoning from Satan is:-

Think how successful your mission here on Earth would be if you had control over all the Earth now! You could bring your rulership forward, I will forsake my lease on this Planet now and hand it to you! Surely that is what The Almighty God Desires!

2. Further, Satan is putting himself into the position of being the 'nice guy', someone who is prepared to sacrifice their position of power to 'help' someone else!

3. Finally Satan is trying to appeal to any possible vestiges of the human trait called greed that may be within Jesus. Clearly as we see, Jesus has no greed within him.

All these are very powerful arguments and emotions. Fortunately Jesus saw the flaws behind them all. He knew what his purpose was on this Earth at this point in time. This website www.FutureLife.Org will explain it very carefully so that all visitors can understand.

However very Quickly:-

1. Jesus must initiate a New Priesthood, to be world spiritual leaders in The New System symbolically termed The Temple but during The Gospel Age they are termed The New Spiritual Israel. These are Almighty God's elected/chosen people - the 'first fruits' (under The Almighty God – becoming The Bride of Jesus Christ).
2. Jesus had to remain perfect and also die to give a second opportunity for everlasting life to 'all' of us. So that we may be taught in a New System by those from section (1) on how to behave under Almighty God's rules.
3. The people who passed the test in section (2) (being the second and main harvest as The Bible tells us) will be Jesus Christ's chosen people (under the Mighty King Jesus) and be called children of The Special Marriage.

Clearly the above could not be set up if Jesus had full military power at this time.

The people in (1) can only prove themselves in Satan's system by imitating Jesus' 3.5 year exemplary lifestyle.

The people in (2) only have this second opportunity to everlasting life if and only if Jesus died as a perfect entity within Adam's earthly frame. Clearly if Jesus sinned by worshiping some other entity (= Satan) rather than The Almighty God (which is where Adam failed) then Jesus would not be perfect! And we collectively would not have that second opportunity!

Hopefully the reader can see and realise how so very important those events were some 2000 years ago.

Jesus answered Satan:-

Get away from here, Satan, for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God (Almighty God), and only Him you shall serve'.

Notice again, Jesus did not say:-

I do not need to worship you, because The World already belongs to me!

This reinforces my interpretation of the facts so far - most importantly that Jesus is not Almighty God.

Satan at this point knew he had failed after throwing his very best proposals/suggestions 'of assistance' at Jesus. He had to retreat and 'regroup' for other attacks culminating in Jesus' death in 3.5 years time.

Both accounts now tell us how Jesus was strengthened in the Holy Spirit - Almighty God's power, while in Matthew it adds 'angels from God ministered unto Jesus'.

This could simply be food and drink for the physical body, remember Satan's temptation had not been annulled by God - it was still in force – Jesus meekly awaited Yahweh's Desire to be fulfilled!

Hence God needed to send angels to minister and provide physical sustenance to annul the temptation from Satan, otherwise Jesus would have failed God at this early stage in his ministry. Jesus had to wait until it was His Father's Will to provide, so that Jesus could then eat.

Again this shows us of Jesus humility to his Father – Almighty God.

So in conclusion:

We see in this passage how Jesus had total understanding of his Father's (Almighty God) purpose in sending him (Jesus) here on this planet for a mission of salvation to Jesus' own personal creation, how he needed to be taught, learn obedience to his Father's Desire and passed through these tests successfully - which is very fortunate for us!

This is a perfect example and is something that should be mirrored by all people on this Earth so that we all might fulfil Yahweh's Desire of us.