



Prescription for Life

The Gospel of Luke



20:38 9:48 7:48 6:20-23 11:9 4:18 5:32 3:5-6 1:49-55

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Luke 4

Facing Down the Devil:
Our Power & Authority Over Satan

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

October 8, 2014



Announcements

- Cans for Kay: closing in on \$12,000 donated for Bibles.
- Clothing Drive thru Oct 16th: clothing for infants, children, teens and maternity. No toys, car seats or cribs.
- HopeFest Oct 18th Reagan High School
- Trunk or Treat, Oct 29th 4:30-6:00 in the church parking lot.
- Choir performance of the Magnificat in English, Dec 7th 9:30 & 11:00.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Facing Down the Devil: Our Power & Authority Over Satan

- Facing Down the Devil in the Desert
 - Luke 4:1-13
- Facing Down the Crowd of Unpopularity as a Prophet
 - Luke 4:14-30
- Facing Down Evil Spirits & Disease
 - Luke 4:31-44



Facing Down the Devil in the Desert

- At the very center of God's will we are still subject to testing by Satan.
- If Jesus was tested repeatedly by Satan we will not be exempt.



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Put Another Way

- Our Primitive Desires
- Our Greedy Ambition
- Our Desire for Glamor, Prestige or to Feel Important



Satan's has many tactics but

Only one goal:

To raise doubt about the Word of
God.



Stones to Bread

- Tempted to distrust God's provision by gratifying his own appetite.
- He uses the Word of God, the Sword of the Spirit.



In Return for Worship

- Tempted to take the easy way to gain the world God promised Him without the death and suffering.
- Arguing with temptation is the surest way of giving into it.
- Again He uses Scripture.



Proving God

- Tempted to create an artificial test for God.
- This is unbelief masquerading as faith.
- He relies on scripture.



Armor of God

Five Defensive Pieces:

- The belt of truth.
- The breastplate of integrity.
- The shoes of the good news of peace.
- The shield of faith.
- The helmet of salvation.

One Offensive Weapon:

- The sword of the Spirit, a.k.a. the Word of God.

Facing Down Unpopularity as a Prophet

- Hometown synagogue in Nazareth.
- Jesus studied under *haberim*, a lay movement where serious-minded Jews studied the Torah and applied it to their lives.
- From age 13 he had 17 years of theological education before starting his ministry.



Comparing the Texts

Read by Jesus in Luke 4:-19

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me
to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Written in Isaiah 61:

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the
prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God.
...Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and
vineyards...
...You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast...

Verse 22's Odd Verb

- In Greek:
 - *Emartyroun auto*
- Literal translation in English:
 - They witnessed him
- BUT did they:
 - Witnessed for him
- or
 - Witnessed against him



Stirring the Hornet's Nest

- Elijah was sent to a widow in Zarephath during famine.
- Elisha healed only Naaman the Syrian of leprosy.
- Jesus is foreshadowing the grace that will be shown to gentiles through him.





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- Jesus passed that authority to us as believers in the Great Commission.

