

Now you understand that in these series, I am simply continuing from where I was at the end of the last teaching. We break them up into thirty-minute sections so that it is easy for you to follow. But if I were giving a set of lectures, I would simply take a break, and I would resume right where I was. So, you must keep that in mind as you listen to these messages. The last time I was talking about the temptations of Jesus and what we learn from them regarding the methodologies of the enemy, that he has incorporated and developed to fullness in this beast of his, to whom he gives his power, his throne, and great authority.¹ This is the beast that is presented in Daniel 7 as a beast with ten horns,² and in Revelation 13 it is presented again as the beast, this time with seven heads and ten horns.³ So the ten horns, or kings, sit on these seven heads. The horns themselves represent the power of the beast; the heads represent the wisdom and the knowledge of the beast. So there are seven systems, because his kingdom, the *kosmos*,⁴ is systemic. I have gone through all of that before, and I will not repeat it now.

But I bring that back to talk about the final of the three temptations in the wilderness at this time, with which the enemy presented Christ. The first was, “Command these stones to be made into bread,” which was, “Feed Yourself.” Jesus’ response— “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”—distinguishes the *logos*⁵ and the *rhéma*,⁶ and how the revealed word of God configures you in the moment to a higher level of sonship, a higher level of the *logos* (cf. Matthew 4:3-4). So as Jesus was, so shall you be in this present world.

All Scripture quotations are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Revelation 13:2b: “The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.”

² Daniel 7:7: “After this, as I watched in my vision in the night, suddenly a fourth beast appeared, and it was terrifying—dreadful and extremely strong—with large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed; then it trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the beasts before it, and it had ten horns.”

³ See Revelation 13:1: “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”

⁴ See *kosmos*, Strong’s Greek 2889 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/2889.htm>

⁵ See *logos*, Strong’s Greek 3056 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/3056.htm>

⁶ See *rhéma*, Strong’s Greek 4487 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/4487.htm>

And Jesus' response, then, to the second temptation was, "You cannot tempt the Lord your God" (cf. Matthew 4:5-7). He is greater than a religious identity. He is the Son. "I am the Lord your God, and the fact that you picked the temple, to put Me in the setting in the temple, albeit on the parapet, the highest point of the temple, I am not of that order. That is not where He preserves Me. So if I cast Myself down from the pinnacle of the temple, He will preserve Me by the law. No. The word is alive, the word is living, and the fact that you can quote it does not mean that you understand it. For indeed, you have applied the Scripture wrongly. I am the Lord your God." In this way we will understand when the deception of the enemy comes by blasphemous words from the little horn that speaks blasphemies against the dwellers in heaven, against heaven itself, and against the majesty of God, we will not be co-opted by religious words.⁷

Have you noted, in this present struggle to define culture, how prominently religious words have come to be featured? "Love your enemy" is prominently featured. "Be kind to your brother," where all humanity is suddenly our brother; as opposed to brethren being born of the same womb, as defined in Hebrews, chapter 2, verse 11.⁸ So it is a conflation of ideas, deliberately meant to be confusing and to confuse within an environment rife with strife, some of which targets the very survival of nations and ultimately, the survival of the species. These are great and powerful motivations for the misuse of Scripture. The enemy knows that the undiscerning soul of man will agree with Scripture that is used for destructive purposes. And it knows only the spirit of man can receive the *rhéma*, which transforms the being into a higher, more mature version of the *huios*,⁹ because rule is given to the *huios*. "This is My beloved *Huios*. Listen to Him" (cf. Matthew 17:5). The restored man is a mature son. When the devil encounters the mature son, who does not derive his significance or his identity from any religious form, then he is reduced to nothing more than threats and intimidation.

So, verse 8 of Matthew 4,

⁷ See Revelation 13:5-6: "And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven."

⁸ See Hebrews 2:11 BSB: "For both the One who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers."

⁹ See *huios*, Strong's Greek 5207 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/5207.htm>

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me” (Matthew 4:8-9 NKJV).

In the progression of the temptations of the mature son, the enemy is very sparse, very economical in his approach, and he reserves the greater trials or temptations for the effort that relates to encountering the son who is more mature. If he can knock you off at a lower level, that is what he will do, because higher levels have to reveal his intentions, and there is a danger in the intentions of the enemy being revealed. So he will tempt you with provision, bread, to see if that works on you. If that does not work, he will tempt you with a religious context. He will contextualize you, religiously, and will suggest Scripture, which if applied in a religious context, will physically destroy you. When those do not work, he is reduced to base threats and vulgar intimidation, because in the end that is who he is. That is all he has left, but that is his reserve of strength and power. That is the ace he holds in his game.

He has a penchant for high places, because in high places you can see further. It gives the soul a more breathtaking view of its vulnerability. The devil wants the soul to feel overwhelmed because he understands that it is in those lofty locations that he is able to introduce the soul to the ultimate of its vulnerabilities. So, the enemy takes Him into an exceeding high mountain. By the way, too, the exceeding high mountain conveys an aura of accomplishment to the enemy. He belongs here, in the aerie, in the high places. But indeed, he cannot ascend to heaven, and he certainly is unable to approach the throne of God without being invited, having been cast out. So all of this is choreography for the soul; all of this is the dress rehearsal, the posturing, the choreography that presents him as being defined by the context of high, mighty, and exalted. And he is not.

We are the lords of creation. The mature son has been restored to rule, to having dominion in creation, which is to say that he has the right to represent the Father. And that right of representation is supported by the entire economy of heaven. All that is in creation—all that is in heaven and on earth—serves the representation of the Father by the son to a fallen world.

Ours is not to come in and infiltrate the systems that the enemy has created. How are you going to turn the corrupt into the holy? Because the one who conceived these systems, conceived them out of the corruption of his rebellion for the express purpose of entrapping the sons of God who would be foolish enough to rely upon these systems or even to acknowledge their rightfulness of being. No. We have not come to infiltrate these systems and to make them serve the Kingdom of God. For heaven's sake, how foolish is such a thought. Have we not read where Jesus promises to translate us out of and into—out of the kingdom of darkness, which is to lift you up out of the systems of the *kosmos*, and to deposit you under the rule of Christ and within the governance of these systems of the Kingdom.¹⁰

When is the education system (being one of the systems), or the judicial system, or the political system, or the financial system, when are they going to receive apostles? And what would apostles do to those systems? They would bring back the rule of Christ. How would that change things? Well, for one thing, it would change the financial system from based in usury to having everything in common. You see, the people who talk about the seven mountains and invading the systems because we have the creation mandate, they do not know what they are talking about. The creation mandate functions in the Kingdom of Heaven, and it is overseen, not by every Tom, Dick, and Harry; it is overseen by qualified representatives of the Kingdom of Heaven. And the purpose is not for human survival. The purpose is to put the glory of God on display as the engineer of these systems that bring an environment of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit into the earth. As long as man is the final arbiter, he will resist the Spirit of God. So, these are just made up doctrines by people who are looking for something to say. They do not understand the order of God, and the duality of the kingdoms, and the inevitable conflict of these kingdoms, both moving forward until they reach the highest point of their existence, until they reach the apogee. So, no, there will not be an infiltration of the systems of the *kosmos*. The *kosmos* will become all the more the *kosmos*.

What there will be, though, is a confrontation of the systems of the *kosmos* in the systems of the Kingdom of Heaven, and its governmental form, and its rule, and the result of how its people look,

¹⁰ See Colossians 1:13-14: “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

vis-à-vis how the people of the earth look. That is when men will say, “Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.”¹¹ But the mountain of the Lord will not come down to them. They must quit these seven heads and come up, because the Kingdom of God is above. It is above. It is not where they dwell. It is like a city on a hill. It is visible. Its ways, its methodologies, its goals, all of that are well-known, need to be well-known in order to attract—like men do not light a candle and put it under a bushel or covering; they set it on the mantle in the house to give light to all who are in the house. So, the enemy wants you to come into his kingdom. That is what I am saying. That is why these gospels have to be debunked, because they are leading people in the wrong direction.

What does the enemy say?

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me” (Matthew 4:8-9).

The language here is particularly important in understanding what he means by, “takes Him to an exceeding high mountain and shows Him the kingdoms of the world.” The language here is quite telling. The word for “kingdom” is *basileia*¹²—the Latin derivative of the Greek term is *basilica*—and it means a foundation or basis of power and rule. For heaven’s sake, he is not talking about Greece, and Rome, and modern nations like America, and Australia, and China. That is not what he is talking about when he speaks of the kingdoms of the world. He is talking about showing the systems and their rule. *Basileia* is the Greek term. On what are these things based? What is the strategy for rule? What is the foundation of governance—not merely the existence of these kingdoms, but on what do they rest? What is the constituting authority? That is the word “kingdom.” The devil shows Jesus the kingdoms of the *kosmos*, the kingdoms of the world. That is what it means. Look it up. So he shows the secrets of how he controls mankind, with reference to the things that are in the world, in the *kosmos*, which are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes,

¹¹ See Isaiah 2:2-3a BSB: “In the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways so that we may walk in His paths.’ ”

¹² See *basileia*, Strong’s Greek 932 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/932.htm>

and the pride of life. He shows the foundations, the *basileia*, the kingdoms of the *kosmos*. He shows how he rules over mankind.

Now he does not have to change that when Persia is defeated by Greece, which is replaced by the Romans, which is replaced by subsequent nations: the British, the Americans, to bring it up to date. No. Because all the systems of all these kingdoms function in the sovereignty of man's soul: we, the people, in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. It is all about the human soul, regardless of the newest configurations of those things. That is what the *basileia* of the *kosmos* is.

And so, the devil, showing Jesus the schemes, says to Him, "I am in control here." This is a bold move to intimidate. He is higher and exalted because he wants to appear invincible, and he shows Jesus all the schemes that he has perfected up to that time. By the way, he will have perfected them so thoroughly that they can be described as the beast with seven heads and ten horns that crushes and devours the whole earth, with the exception of the saints. He has to wage war against them differently, much the same way that he is waging war now, against Christ, in this set of temptations. He wages war from a horn that speaks blasphemously against heaven, against the Most High, etc. This is blasphemy when he is speaking like this to Jesus, where he says, "Fall down and worship me; all these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." You should not have a moment's hesitation to recognize that this is blasphemy. If you are a true son of God, you will have not a moment's hesitation to hear the sound coming from Satan as exactly the same sound that comes out of that horn on the religious head of this beast at the end of the age. It just has grown in amplitude. It has grown in scope and power, but it is the same sound.

What does Jesus reply? I mean, what is the devil saying? "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Why is this a temptation to Jesus? Because it appeals to His soul. He has come to save mankind out of these systems. The reason might well be, "If I own the systems, then I can free people as I will." Well, what is the catch? By falling down and worshiping, you have already ratified the theft of Adam's authority. He is wanting ratification of the illicit order that he has created. By now the devil is convinced he is dealing with the Son, and he changes tactics. In a bare-knuckle fight, or so he thought, he is going to intimidate the Son to concede that what he has put in place, as a result of having stolen the authority of Adam, is now so prominent

and preeminent in the whole earth that no one can escape. He is making the argument, “You cannot buy or sell without the permission of the beast, without changing your mindset from that of a son to that of one terrorized, trying to save his own skin.”¹³ This is a bare-knuckle fight; the gloves come off at this point: “Fall down and worship me.” What does the false prophet require of the earth in the end of the age? He makes an image of the beast, and he requires everybody, small and great, to fall down and worship the image of the beast.¹⁴

By taking this tact, I am just pushing back the darkness, bringing light and understanding so that you are not suddenly confronted with all of these very systems, having reached their fullness of manifestation, with the expressed intent—as it always has been, from Adam, through Christ, to the end of the age—to put pressure on the place where the son is joined to the Father. That is all he has. That is all he has to work with, and that is what he is fully maximizing in the events that conclude the age.

How does Jesus reply to the invitation to fall down and worship Satan? This is the same invitation that will be given at the end of the age to worshipping the image of the beast. I am not talking yet about what the image of the beast is. I am just showing you that whatever it is, for this moment’s argument, the threat is the same, the intimidation is the same, and what is desired is the same, because he wants the sons of God to concede that, in the earth, he is the final authority. Our dominion, our mandate to rule in the Kingdom of God, to rule and present the earth with the truth of who God is much like a twelve-inch stick is a standard; that is the notion of rule. It is not sitting and having people come and wait on you. His intent is to have those who belong to Christ fall down and worship him. How does Jesus reply? Dismissively, as if he is nothing.

Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve’ ” (Matthew 4:10).

¹³ See Revelation 13:16-17: “He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

¹⁴ See Revelation 13:15: “He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”

“Away with you, Satan! Get lost.” A wave of the hand. That is what the mature son does to the pretender. That is what this mature son will do in the end of the age to the pretender: dismissive, a wave of the hand. On another occasion He would say, “Get thee behind Me, Satan.¹⁵ You have nothing to say,”—when Satan spoke to Jesus through Peter. Dismissively, “Get thee behind Me, Satan.” Never argue with Satan. If you do, you give him authority where he does not have authority. “Away with you, Satan! It is written, ‘You will worship the Lord your God.’ And You are a servant. You have never become more than that. You are just a servant. You will serve the son.”

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11).

I want to add this bit here quickly: “angels came and ministered to Him.” In these times the resources of heaven will be available, and the servants, even of heaven, the angels, will appear in increasing proliferation to attend those who fully inhabit their status as the sons of God—not sons of God as immature ones, who are still going to be attracted by the lust of their flesh, the lust of their eyes, and the pride of life. No. In fact, that is where the majority of believers are today: sons of men in their thinking about their position as sons of God. God means to lift us up and change our mindsets regarding what exactly it means to be a son of God: the one who has died and been raised and brought to maturity in the new creation, born of the Spirit, becoming fully mature as the son of God.

May grace and peace be with you. These messages are designed to cause your feet to not stray, but be firmly planted. All the trials, and all the temptations, and the wilderness of these times are meant to cause faith to arise in you. When you add faith to what you have known about God, the reality of the eternal becomes the reality out of which you live every day.

I am Sam Soleyn, and I will talk to you again. Bye-bye.

¹⁵ See Matthew 16:23: “But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’ ”