

Day 10:

Title: Jesus and the Word.

Reading: Matthew 4:1-7 (NKJV)

v.4 - But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Jesus submitted Himself to be baptized by John the Baptist to fulfill all righteousness (Matthew 3:15). Then Jesus felt led to fast and pray for 40 days in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:1-2). His human flesh was tired and hungry.

"Now the tempter came to Him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread'"(v3).

Jesus replied, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'".

Jesus was hungry. He had not eaten for 40 days. He was tired and very hungry in the middle of the wilderness. There was no food at all nearby. The devil tempted Him to make stones into bread. The devil knew Jesus had the capability and the power to do whatever He needed. Jesus knew His power, too, and what He could do. Perhaps, He could ask God to send food from heaven. The devil wanted Jesus to use His power to prove Himself. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God..."

But Jesus knew who He was. He did not need to prove Himself. He was secure in who He was. He knew He was the Son of God. Jesus knew His power and what He could do, but He did not use that power just to prove who HE was.

Jesus was tempted by the devil at His weakest point. However, even when His body was weak, His spirit was strong.

Jesus used the power of the written Word of God to resist the devil. Thus, He declared:

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word from the mouth of God'".

Jesus knew the written Word of God and how to use the power of the Word of God to resist the devil and his lures.

Reflection:

The Word of God is as important as human food. The Word of God is food for the soul and nourishment for the spirit. Like Jesus, it is important for us to know the written Word of God to resist the devil, his lures and temptations.

Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your written Word. Please help me to know Your Word and to learn Your Word. Help me be strong in Your Word to resist the devil and his schemes. In Jesus name, Amen!

Your Thoughts:

Your Prayers:

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