

**“God’s Word Is Enough”**

⇒ **Text:**                **Matthew 3:16-4:11**

⇒ **Intro:**

- o It seems that the devil likes to attack us after times of great victory in our Christian lives.
  - He uses several methods.
    - He tempts us with thoughts and sights which will hinder our Christian walk.
    - Or he will do his best to let our circumstances discourage us.
    - I believe our greatest and strongest weapon against such attacks is God’s Word, the AV 1611, King James Bible.
- o When we read Matthew 3:16-17 we see an example of great spiritual victory in the baptism of Jesus.
  - For all in tense and purposes our Lord’s baptism was the start of His earthly ministry.

However, notice with me immediately after that we are told in Matthew 4:1, “Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”

- o When we read of the three temptations, we should be encouraged by the fact that Jesus used the Word of God to overcome these temptations.
  - You may say “Well, what is the big deal that Jesus used the Word of God to overcome these temptations.”
- o You see the big deal is this –

- Here we have the Lord of Glory, God, manifested in the flesh, the Creator of the Universe and everything in it being tempted by one of His created beings.
  - Jesus could have used His supernatural power to overcome these temptations or destroyed the devil all together.
- o **Illustration:**
  - Remember, when Judas came to the garden with a great multitude to betray Jesus that Peter pulled out his sword and cut off the servant's ear?
  - Notice with me how Jesus reacted to what Peter did.
    - **See Matthew 26:52-54.**
  - Jesus tells them that He could of used His supernatural powers to destroy them who came to arrest him but didn't so the scriptures would be fulfilled.
- o I believe that our Lord didn't use His supernatural powers as the Son of God in dealing with the devil because He wanted you and me to see the adequacy of God's Word in thwarting the devil.
  - In other words, "**God's Word is Enough**".
- o God's Word is our strongest and greatest weapon when we are tempted or discouraged by the devil
  - Jesus also knew that in the years to come the Word of God along with prayer would be our only weapon in the spiritual battle.
  - He knew that we wouldn't be able to perform miracles, but we would have God's inspired, inerrant, infallible, preserved words in AV 1611 King James Bible at our fingertips.

- o The sad thing is that many a Christians instead of going to the Word of God to overcome temptation and discouragement go to someone or some thing else.
    - This evidenced by the TV guide being more worn out by use than the Holy Bible.
    - This evidenced by so-called Christian radio being flooded with programs providing counseling.
    - As Job would say, “physicians of no value”
  - o This morning we want to see that God’s Word has a positive answer for all our negative thoughts.
- ⇒ 1. We say, “**It’s impossible.**”
- o God’s Word says, “...**The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.**” (Luke 18:27)
- ⇒ 2. We say, “**I’m tired**”.
- o God’s Word says, “**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**” (Matthew 11:28)
- ⇒ 3. We say, “**Nobody loves me.**”
- o God’s Word says, “**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**” (John 3:16)
- ⇒ 4. We say, “**I can’t go on.**”
- o God’s Word says, “...**My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...**” (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- ⇒ 5. We say, “**I can’t figure things out.**”

- o God's Word says, "**Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**" (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- ⇒ 6. We say, "**I can't do it.**"
  - o God's Word says, "**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**" (Philippians 4:13)
- ⇒ 7. We say, "**I can't forgive myself.**"
  - o God's Word says, "**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" (1 John 1:9)
- ⇒ 8. We say, "**I'm afraid.**"
  - o God's Word says, "**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**" ( 2 Timothy 1:7)
- ⇒ 9. We say, "**I am worried and frustrated.**"
  - o God's Word says, "**Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**" (1 Peter 5:7)
- ⇒ 10. We say, "**I don't have enough faith.**"
  - o God's Word says, "**...God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**" (Romans 12:3)
- ⇒ 11. We say, "**I'm all alone.**"
  - o God's Word says, "**...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**" (Hebrews 13:5)

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- o When the devil tempts you or attempts to discourage you, may you apply these wonderful promises from God's Word to help you live victorious lives.
- o When the devil tries to tell you that God can't save you, remember what the Word of God says –
  - **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**  
(John 3:16)
    - Key word **“whosoever”**
  - **“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**  
Romans 10:13
    - Again, key word **“whosoever”**
    - **WHOSOEVER** = Any one; any person whatever.