

tempted for 40 days in the wilderness. "The devil led him up into a high place and showed him in instant all the kingdoms of the world." And he said to him, I will give you all their authority and splendor for it has been given to me.

There are people who think they are going to make a perfect world now. They think that in this age before our Lord comes back they are straighten out all the things of this world and have a perfect world. In this world the best plans of godly people often utterly fall, utterly fail, because the whole world in this age is in the power of Satan. There are people who say Satan has been bound! Scripture says he is going to be bound 1000 years. If he's already bound, I'd like to know who is carrying on the business? Because it certainly is being carried on. And you don't live as long as I have without seeing case after case where the finest Christian plans, that seemed to you bound to bring wonderful results for God have been frustrated because Satan got into some person connected with them or perhaps brought a force from an entirely outside and swept them ~~asdzs~~ aside.

Satan is, as our Lord said, the Prince of this world. He has no hold on Christ. He has nothing in Him. He can easily get a hold of us. So we want to watch, to be ready and have the Scripture to answer his temptations. Jesus answered: "It is written, Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

Then we have a third temptation. The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. If you are the Son of God, he said, throw yourself down from here. For it is written: . . . so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Jesus answered, It says: Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

You notice how often Jesus quotes the book of Deuteronomy. Of the books of the Pentateuch we are most familiar with Genesis and a part of Exodus. Most of us have comparatively little knowledge of the rest of the Pentateuch, but God has important lessons and teachings for us in every portion of the Bible. Particularly in every portion of the so-called five books of Moses.

"When the devil had finished all these temptations, he left him until an opportune time." He stood the test. He had overcome the temptation of the devil. Milton had his great poem Paradise Lost, one of the great works of English literature. But he had another work: Paradise Regained which they say is as good as anything in Paradise Lost except for the wonderful first two books of Paradise Lost. In Paradise Regained he describes how the devil tempted Jesus and how He met the tempter. I believe the title of the book is erroneous. Jesus did not regain Paradise for us by standing these three temptations. The devil left him until an opportune time. It took His death on the cross to regain Paradise! for us! We have the blessings which result from His death on the cross, and to which we're entitled as Christians, yet we've much to go through while we're in this life.