

THE Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 7.

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3rd QUARTER.

Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 4: 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: "In all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4: 15.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 1-4. Children's Hymnal 40, 148, 102, 116.

PROVE THAT—We should search the Scriptures. John 5: 39.

SHORTER CATECHISM—(Quest. 88. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?)

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Matt 4: 1-11	Deut 5: 1-6	Ps. 21: 2-16	Deut 5: 12-19	Jas 1: 12-21	Heb 2: 2-18	Heb 4: 11-16

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. The temptation of Christ followed immediately upon his baptism. (Mark 1: 12.) Adam, the sinless man, was tempted and fell; Christ, "the second Adam," the sinless Saviour, in like manner met man's arch-enemy and vanquished him. As the garden was a fitting type of Adam's innocence, so the wilderness in which Christ met Satan, corresponded to man's condition of moral desolation through sin. The temptation of Christ was as real as that of our first parents. Read parallel accounts and note variations. Mark 1: 12, 13; Luke 4: 1-13.

LESSON PLAN. I. The First Temptation. vs. 1-4. II. The Second Temptation. vs. 5-7. III. The Third Temptation. vs. 8-11.

I. THE FIRST TEMPTATION. 1. **Then**—Immediately after his baptism. Mark 1: 12. **Led up**—from the banks of the Jordan to the mountainous and barren district between Jericho and Jerusalem. The traditional place is called *Quarantania*, from a Latin word meaning "forty," in reference to the time of our Saviour's fast. From the analogy of Moses and Elijah some think that Christ was led into the Arabian desert of Sinai. **Of the Spirit**—He was constrained by the Holy Spirit to go. Luke says that he "was full of the Holy Spirit," and Mark that "The Spirit driveth him." While we pray "Lead us not into temptation," we should never shrink from danger if the Spirit bids us face it. When we meet temptation while obeying the will of God we may be sure of victory over it (1 Cor. 10: 13). He will "carry us through." Mark says that he "was with the wild beasts." This made his solitude all the more dreadful. It was "A pathless desert, dusk with horrid shades." Name some others who were led away by the Spirit. (1 Kings 1: 18; 2 Kings 2: 16; Ezek. 3: 14; Acts 8: 39.) **To be tempted**—He was led up for the purpose of being subjected to temptation. Why was this? (1) The scene in Eden must be re-enacted with a happier result. The "second Adam" must shew that he can stand where the first Adam fell. (2) He must pass through all human experiences with sin in order to be able to sympathize and help. Heb. 4: 15. (3) Although the issue was not doubtful, yet he him-

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