

2. That there are three Persons in the Godhead, all appearing in this lesson.

3. That if Christ needed the baptism of the Spirit for his work, we surely do too.

4. That we should try so to live as to have God always well pleased with us.

July 31.—Matt. 4: 1-11. Memory vs. 1-4.

The Temptation of Jesus.

GOLDEN TEXT.—HEB. 2: 18. CATECHISM, Q. 32.

Introductory.

What do you know of John the Baptist?

What took place at the baptism of Jesus?

What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place?

Recite the memory verses. The Catechism.

I. The First Temptation. vs. 1-4.

Where was Jesus tempted?

By whom? Why? Heb. 2: 18; 4: 15.

What was the first temptation?

How could this tempt him?

Why was it wrong?

How did Jesus meet it?

What food do we need beside bread?

What is our spiritual bread?

II. The Second Temptation. vs. 5-7.

What was the second temptation?

Why should this tempt him?

Why was this wrong?

What scripture did Satan quote?

How did Jesus meet this temptation?

Of what temptation to us is this a type?

III. The Third Temptation. vs. 8-11.

What was the third temptation?

How could Satan give these things to Jesus?

What was there in this to tempt Jesus?

Why was it wrong?

How did Jesus meet this temptation?

How are we tempted like this?

What did the devil then do?

How did Jesus get the victory over the tempter?

How may we triumph over temptation?

Who came and ministered to Jesus?

What is the work of the angels? Heb.

1: 14.

What Have I Learned?

1. That even the best of us are subject

to temptation—young people as well as old.

2. That it is no sin to be tempted. The sin lies in yielding, and the danger is in parleying with it.

3. That great trials often come after great blessings.

4. That, as Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, he is able to succor us when we are tempted.

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GENERAL GORDON'S HANDKERCHIEF.

The Bishop of Newcastle, preaching at the funeral service for General Gordon, gave a very beautiful and inspiring illustration of Gordon's faithfulness to his time of daily communion with God. "There was each morning, during his first journey in the Soudan, one half-hour during which there lay outside Charles George Gordon's tent a handkerchief, and the whole camp knew the full significance of that small token, and most religiously was it respected by all there, whatever was their color, creed, or business. No foot dared to enter the tent so guarded. No message, however pressing, was carried in. Whatever it was, of life or of death, it had to wait until the guardian signal was removed. Every one knew that God and Gordon were alone in there together; that the servant prayed and communed, and the Master heard and answered. Into the heart so opened the presence of God came down. Into the life so offered the strength of God was poured. So that strange power was given to Gordon, because his heart became the dwelling-place of God."

Dr. Guthrie beautifully and truthfully remarks: "Give me these links: First, sense of need; second, desire to get; third, belief that God has in store; fourth, belief that, though he withholds awhile, he loves to be asked; and fifth, belief that asking will obtain. Give these links, and the chain will reach from earth to heaven, bringing heaven all down to me, or bearing me up into heaven."