

When peace, like a river,  
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.  
Come unto me,  
My Jesus, as thou wilt.  
Come, thou Fount,  
I need thee every hour.  
He leadeth me.  
LUX BENIGNA.  
Pain's furnace heat.  
If on a quiet sea,  
Yield not to temptation.  
Dare to do right.  
My Father is rich.  
Must Jesus bear.

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **In the Desert, v. 1-4.**  
Where was Jesus when filled with the Holy Ghost?  
In what direction, probably, was the wilderness into which he was led?

What other biblical character fasted forty days?  
Is there any intimation that this was the only temptation that Jesus suffered?

What is plainly set forth by the phrase "afterward hungered"?

Why, probably, are stones and bread so often used in connection with each other?

What is meant by the statement that man lives by every word of God?

From what book did Jesus here quote?

2. **On the Mountain, v. 5-8.**  
Is it known what mountain is here alluded to?  
What did Jesus see on this mountain by the devil's mystic arts?

Did Satan tell the truth when he said that the glory of these nations was delivered unto him?

From what source did Jesus make his quotation?

3. **On the Pinnacle, v. 9-12.**  
What is meant by a pinnacle of the temple?

From what book did the devil here quote?

From what book did Jesus reply?

What is the force of the remark, "departed from him for a season"?

To what three motives did Satan appeal?

### Practical Teachings.

To be led by the Spirit is within reach of every Christian. The forty day temptation did not stand out in Jesus's life as a solitary experience; before and after that severe temptations came. But these forty days were an unexampled test.

Let us never forget that men cannot live by bread alone; that the social and intellectual and spiritual natures have a life as real and distinct as the life of the body, and that if these lives are not properly nourished they must die. A man who has no social intercourse, and no intellectual development, is practically dead in those departments of his nature. A man who does not develop his spiritual life is dead while he lives.

To-day the devil gives much of the power and wealth and glory of this world to his servants. It is hard to understand that our worship must be rendered to the Lord our God only. We are willing to serve our Church, our political party, our family interests, but God's word commands, "Him only shalt thou serve."

Only for a season does the devil depart until the day of eternity dawns.

### Hints for Home Study.

1. Write out all the Scripture quoted in this singular dialogue between Jesus and Satan, giving chapter and verse of each text.

2. Write a list of the great independent and subject nations which were in their glory when the devil produced this panorama before Jesus.

3. Obtain, if possible, a glimpse of the peculiar sort of wealth and glory enjoyed by each nation.

4. How little the Psalmist thought, when God's Spirit inspired him to write these beautiful sentences, to what a dastardly purpose they would be applied some centuries later.

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. **In the Desert, v. 1-5.**  
With what was Jesus filled at his baptism?

By whom was he led into the desert?

How long was he there?

What company had he?

What did he eat during that time?

What did the devil tempt him to do?

How did Jesus repel the temptation?

From what book did he quote? See Deut. 8, 3.

2. **On the Mountain, v. 6-8.**

Where then did the tempter lead Jesus?

What was shown to him?

What offer was made to him?

What was asked in return?

How did Jesus reply to this temptation?

From what writing did he quote this time? See Deut. 6, 13.

3. **On the Pinnacle, v. 9-13.**

Where then was Jesus brought?

Where was he placed?

What was he bidden to do?

What Scripture was quoted to tempt him?

From what book were the words quoted? See Psa. 91, 11.

How did Jesus reply to this temptation?

From what book were these words quoted? See Deut. 6, 16.

What did the devil then do?

How came to Jesus when the devil departed? Matt. 4, 11.

Of what benefit to us is the temptation of Jesus? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

### Teachings of the Lesson.

Where are we taught in this lesson—

1. The real source of our temptations?

2. That the best people may be tempted?

3. The way to overcome the tempter?

### Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find other Bible characters who fasted for forty days. Find the chapters and verses in the Old Testament which Jesus quoted in reply to the devil.

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where was Jesus led after his baptism? Into the wilderness.

By whom was he led there? By the Spirit.

For what purpose? To be tempted by the devil.

How long did the temptation last? Forty days.

What did the devil ask him to do? To turn a stone

into bread.

Why did he tempt him to do this? Because Jesus

was hungry.

By what did Jesus say man should live? By God's

words.

Where did the devil then take him? Into an high

mountain.

What did he show him? All the kingdoms of the

world.

What did he offer Jesus if he would worship him?

All these kingdoms.

What did Jesus answer? "Get thee behind me,

Satan."

What did the devil then try to get Jesus to do? To

throw himself off a pinnacle of the temple.

What did Satan tell Jesus? That God would not let

him be hurt.

What did Jesus say we must not do? Tempt the

Lord.

What did the devil then do? He left Jesus.

What does the example of Jesus teach us? To resist

evil.

### Words with Little People.

The same evil spirit who tempted Jesus will tempt

you.

Learn God's word so as to be able to answer him.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

### THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. When did the devil tempt Jesus? During forty days' fast in the wilderness.

2. What was the first of these three temptations?

To distrust God, and satisfy his hunger by a miracle.

3. What was the second? To conquer the earth by

submitting to Satan.

4. What was the third? To tempt God by leaping

from the pinnacle of the temple.

5. How did Jesus conquer all these temptations? By

the word of the Lord.

### CATECHISM QUESTION.

12. What does this record teach us?

That he is a pattern to all the young, in saying, "I must be in my Father's house."

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business.— Luke ii. 49.