

## Lesson IV.

**THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS**

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Matt. 3 : 13 to 4 : 11—Memory Verses, 3 : 16, 17

**Golden Text**—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—Matt. 3 : 17.

13 Then cometh Je'sus from Gal'ilee to Jor'dan unto John, to be baptised of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me ?

15 And Je'sus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now : for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Je'sus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water : and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him :

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Ch. 4. 1 Then was Je'sus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and for nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by

every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down : for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee : and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Je'sus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them ;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Je'sus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan : for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, when John the Baptist was baptizing in the Jordan, he saw the very person he had said was coming. Jesus was standing on the bank and asked to be baptized.



John thought Jesus too good to be baptized by him, but Jesus made him to do it to show everybody that He belonged to God's kingdom, and wished to do all that God said.

When they had come up from the water, Jesus saw the sky open and the Spirit of God coming down like a dove upon Him and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Then the same Spirit took Him away into a lonely country, where He was among the wild beasts for forty days and forty nights without anything to eat. He was almost dead with hunger.

Then Satan, who is very cunning, came and said, "Don't starve. Make these stones become bread." But Jesus had a Bible verse ready—He had learned it when He was a little boy—"Man shall not live by bread alone."