

SABBATH, July 27.—**LESSON IV.—The Temptation of Jesus.**—Matt. iv. 1-11.

**Leader.** 1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.—Ezek. iii. 14.

**School.** 2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward a hungered.

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

**S.** 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.—Deut. viii. 3.

**L.** 5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, (Neh. xi. 1, 18.)

**S.** 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:

**L.** And in their hands they shall bear thee

up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.—Ps. xci. 11, 12.

**S.** 7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.—Deut. vi. 16.

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

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

**L.** 10. Then said Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.—Deut. vi. 13.

**S.** 11. Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.—Heb. i. 14.

**TOPIC**—Our HELP in time of Temptation.

**Golden Text**—For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.—Heb. ii. 18.

**Home Readings.**

M. Matt. iv. 1-11.  
 Th. Gen. iii. 1-15.  
 W. Rev. ii. 8-17.  
 Th. Dan. iii. 8-17.  
 F. 1 Kings xxii. 20-34.  
 S. Job i. 6-12; ii. 1-13.  
 Sa. James i. 1-15.

**LESSON SCHEME.**

**BIBLE SEARCHINGS:**

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| Exod. xx. 3.    | Luke xli. 43. | 2 Cor. xi. 4.   |
| 2 Cor. xi. 27.  | John xli. 29. | Deut. vi. 13.   |
| Rev. iii. 10.   | 1 Cor. x. 13. | Matt. xxvi. 53. |
| 1 Pet. v. 8, 9. | Heb. iv. 15.  | John i. 51.     |
| Matt. xvi. 23.  |               |                 |

**Outline:**

- I. THE DAYS OF DARKNESS, v. 1, 2;
- II. THE WILES OF THE ADVERSARY, v. 3, 5, 6, 8, 9; Eph. vi. 11;
- III. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, v. 4, 7, 10;
- IV. THE DEFEATED DEVIL, v. 11;
- V. THE MINISTERING ANGELS.

Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

**1.** Who led Jesus up into the wilderness, and why was he led?

What had occurred just before?  
 What preparation did Jesus make for the temptation? [v. 2.]

**2.** Who met Jesus in the wilderness? [v. 3.]  
 Give other names by which this tempter is called. [Matt. xii. 24; John xii. 31; John viii. 44; 2 Cor. v. 15; Eph. ii. 2; 1 Pet. v. 8; Rev. ix. 11; Rev. xii. 9, &c.]

What is it to tempt?  
 Why was Jesus tempted? [Heb. ii. 18; iv. 15.]  
 What was the first temptation? [v. 3.]  
 Why was this a great temptation at this time? [v. 2.]

Where did Satan then lead Jesus? [v. 5.]  
 What Scripture did Satan quote? [Ps. xxiv. 1.]  
 What was the scene of the third temptation? [v. 8.]

To whom do the kingdoms of this world belong? [Ps. xxiv. 1.]

**3.** How did Jesus answer the first temptation? [v. 4.]

Where is this answer found? [Deut. viii. 3.]

What Scripture did Jesus quote in answer to the second temptation? [Deut. vi. 16.]

Where is the third answer to Satan found? [Deut. vi. 13.]

**4.** Why did Satan leave Jesus? [v. 11.]  
 Did he ever return to tempt him? [John xiv. 30; Luke iv. 13.]

**5.** For what did Jesus exchange the company of Satan? [v. 1.]

What is the business of angels? [Heb. i. 14.]  
 How may we learn from this lesson—

1. That after great blessings great trials often come?
2. That Satan is a crafty and malicious foe?
3. That a wilderness, with God's grace, is better than an Eden with man's guilt?
4. That the "Sword of the Spirit" is the best weapon to use against Satan?
5. That Jesus shows us how to use it?
6. That those who conquer Satan receive heavenly comfort?

CHANT—"Olmutz," S.M.

I want a sober mind,  
 A self-renouncing will,  
 That tramples down, and casts behind  
 The baits of pleasing ill.  
 A soul inured to pain,  
 To hardship, grief, and loss;  
 Bold to take up, firm to sustain  
 The consecrated cross.