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Bread Alone

This special is entitled, Bread **Alone**, taken from Jesus' first of three temptations by the Devil. It attacked the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ (Undiminished Deity and True Humanity).

**This lesson will study seven aspects of Jesus' counter-attack
with the "sword of the Spirit, the word of God."**

1. We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletic points of the first temptation of Jesus by Devil.

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| • Tempted by Devil | (Matt.4:1) | Led by the Spirit to be tempted by Devil. |
| • Tempted by hunger | (Matt.4:2) | After 40 days and nights of fasting. |
| • Tempter's challenge | (Matt.4:3) | If (1cc) [and it's true] – attacks Hypostatic Union |
| • Test Aced | (Matt.4:4) | IT IS WRITTEN (application of CBD) (Deut.8:3) |

2. Notice that Jesus' offensive weapon in the Angelic Conflict was the same as every Church Age Believer (CAB) – Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) of the Word of God (Deut.8:3).

(Eph.6:17b) **“The sword (ten machaira / asf) of the Spirit (tou pneuma / gsn), which (hos / nsn) is (eimi / p.a.ind.3ps) the word (rhema / nsn [CBD] of God (Theos / g.s.m).”**

It is the only piece of armor to be carried rather than worn. It is the only piece of armor designed by God for offensive warfare in the Angelic Conflict. It is designed by God for the believer to be victorious over the Devil's attacks in Angelic Conflict (AC) (1 John 5:4).

3. Jesus learned early in His life how to use the Word of God Categorically (CBD) as the weapon in the Angelic Conflict (AC) (Luke 2:40-42, 52).

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| • In Jesus' first sermon | He quoted CBD of (Isa.61:1-2) |
| • In His first ministry against AC | He quoted CBD of (Deut.8:3) |
| • In His last sermon | He quoted CBD of (Ps.22:1) |

4. The OT passage that Jesus quoted from is (Deut.8:1-4). It deals with the Exodus generation of Israelites who wander 40 years in the wilderness because of reversionism.

In fact, He quoted CBD from the Book of Deuteronomy in all three attacks by the Devil (Matt.4:1-11; Matt.4:4; Deut.8:3; Matt.4:7; Deut.6:16; Matt.4:10 and Deut.6:3).

In spite of Israel's revisionism, God faithfully provided supernaturally the necessities of life such as manna, quail, and water. Their clothes never wore out and their feet never swelled (**1 Cor.10:1-5**; Deut.8:3-4).

Yet God kept them under divine discipline and the sin unto death (Heb.3:16-19; 1 John 5:16).

5. Moses instructed the Israelites to remember three important truths regarding their wilderness wandering.

- Remember the promises of Abraham Covenant (Deut.8:1) – It doesn't have to be this way!
- Remember how the Lord led and humbled and tested their faith during this journey (Deut.8:2)
- Remember God's humility test was designed to evaluate CBD residing and functioning in the believer's heart (Deut.8:3-4).

6. The humility test of the Exodus generation was given by God to Jesus while the Devil was giving Him the Lie test. (John 8:44)

(Deut.8:2) **“God led you in the wilderness these 40 years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”**

God's primary purpose of the **humility test** is **“to know what is in your heart, whether you will keep His commandments or not.”** (Deut.8:2b)

7. In the hunger test, the Devil challenged Jesus to used His Hypostatic Union independently of plan of God and Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD).

(Matt.4:3) “If (1cc) [and it's true] You are the Son of God, command these stones become bread.” (John 8:44; 2 Cor.11:3)

Jesus recognized the Devil's attack against His person and work and counter-attacked the Devil with CBD – “Sword of the Spirit, which is the word (**rhema**) [CBD] of God.” (Eph.6:17)

Jesus aced the humility test – “To know what is in your heart, whether you will keep His commandments or not.” (Deut.8:2b) (Heb.5:7-8)

(Matt.4:4) “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word (rhema) [CBD] that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’”; Deut.8:3)