

FATAL ATTRACTIONS: This Means War!

LUKE 4:1-2

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Deal with Temptation's Potential Today, To Destroy Temptation's Power Tomorrow.

1. Be Spirit **Saturated** (1).

2. Be Spirit **Secured** (2).

3. Be Spirit **Sustained** (2).

Luke 4:1-2 (ESV)

"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry."

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Adam was first tempted in a restful garden, and the “Second Adam” was tempted in a weary wilderness. How are these two temptations of the “two Adam’s” the same and yet, different? How has Jesus’s example of successfully overcoming temptation challenged you in your fight?
2. One way to be filled with the Spirit is to be filled with the Scriptures. Jesus prepared for temptation by studying God’s Word from His childhood. How will you intentionally study and hide God’s word in your heart this week? What is God teaching you from the DBR (Daily Bible Reading)?
3. **Read Hebrews 2:17-18 & 4:15-16.** How do the truths of these verses help us fight through temptations this coming week?
4. We’re often prone to walk through life oblivious that we have an adversary who is aiming to destroy our lives, our mission, and our reputation. Should Christians fear the Devil? If so, in what sense? If not, why not?
5. For forty days, Jesus was empty of food but full of the Spirit. Today, Christians have the opposite problem. We are full of food but empty of the Spirit. How can we change? What are you going to do to be spiritually-nourished and Spirit-saturated this week?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Sinclair Ferguson



“[Jesus Christ] has acted decisively against the powers of sin, and Satan and death which tyrannized his people. Yet the skirmishes with sin (as well as with Satan and death) continue to be severe. They are real and painful. But they take place within a different context from any struggle against sin that marked the old life in Adam from which the Spirit was absent. Now the Christian engages in conflict with sin from the standpoint of deliverance from the prisoner-of-war camp; the decisive victory over the dominion of sin is a present reality in the Spirit; the final victory is assured. But there is still blood-letting, and the whole armor of God must be worn.”