

For Our Information

Joyce Venable is doing some better. She is still dealing with dizziness.

Vickie McNeas has been able to attend a few services lately, but is still having difficulty with pain.

Ricky Ragsdale continues physical therapy.

School starts in a week or two. We need to keep all our students in our prayers as they will need strength in dealing with peer pressures.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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the act of letting "His seed abide in us"; and the act of overcoming temptation, are all tied together. It simple means to follow New Testament instructions. The only way to bind Satan is to do what Christ did ... use the Word of God to resist his temptation.

(We need to bind Satan such that he cannot touch us. In the midst of talking about our need to remember that we are not perfect and do sin, John also said he was writing "so that you may not sin." (1John 2:1) None of us are forced to commit sin. We can keep our self from sin. We can train our minds to focus on the Word and carry it in our hearts so that we are able to overcome the temptations that Satan sends our way.

Constantly stressing a weakness just makes it weaker. We need to stress our strengths and set our minds to those things that draw us near to God. Assembling does that. DLH)

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Power To Bind Satan

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Any serious Bible student knows that the Lord conquered the devil and gained full mastery over him. The devil engaged Christ in a personal contest soon after the Lord's baptism (**Matthew 3:13-17**). God had publicly proclaimed that Jesus was His beloved Son in whom He was well pleased. Immediately after this, Jesus went into the desert alone where he fasted for 40 days and nights. At the end of the fast and while Jesus' strength was at the lowest ebb, Satan came and



My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

1John 2:1



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tempted Him (**Matthew 4:1-11**). The methods of temptation Satan used to tempt Christ parallels our own temptations as set forth in **1John 2:16**, *“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”*

Satan’s first temptation was an appeal to the lust of the flesh for food. His second temptation was an appeal to vanity. His third temptation was an appeal to power. Had the Lord yielded even in a minute way, He would have plunged the human race into hopeless ruin. The very thought of such a defeat staggers the imagination. In this, as in every other encounter with the devil, the Lord triumphed. He proved that we can rise above materialism and triumph over temptations of the flesh. Of extreme importance, He showed us how we can bind Satan.

As **Matthew 4:1-11** points out, in each case of temptation, Jesus quoted the Word of God. *“It is written, man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”* This He quoted from **Deuteronomy 8:3**. *“On the other hand, it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”* This He quoted from **Deuteronomy 6:16**. *“For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.”* This He quoted from **Deuteronomy 6:13-14**. It is clear that God’s Word is the power Jesus used to defeat the devil. He overcame temptation with the power of the Holy Scriptures. It was the power of divine truth pitted against the power of error. The ultimate victory of truth was never in doubt. Light will always dispel darkness when the light is shined forth.

Store In My Heart

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

If we do not develop a certainty that God exists we can never come close to him.

I have sufficient evidence to believe that God exists, even though I have never seen Him. His creation tells me He is. His Word tells me who He is and how to find Him. This evidence supported belief, faith, directs my journey to Him. The evidence also tells me that there is reward if I seek Him.

The Word that we "store in our heart" will strengthen our faith and lead us to the great reward that awaits all who seek to be near to God.

Christians have the same power to bind Satan today. The process of using this power is found in **James 4:7**, *“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and He will flee from you.”* The power is summarized in greater detail in **1Peter 5:5-9**, *“You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith ...”*

Paul, I believe, described this power as that which is given us to overcome temptation when he wrote, *“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it”* **1Corinthians 10:13**. What is this power that enables us to make the devil flee? It is the power to resist temptation. And what is the power to overcome temptation? It is the power that comes from being steadfast in the faith. John explains it this way, *“No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God”* (**1John 3:9**). This seed is the Word of God. Thus we see that the act of *“drawing near to God”*; the act of humbling yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God; the act of *“resisting the devil”*;