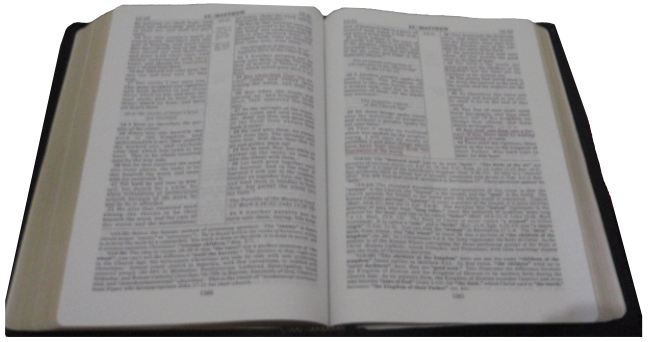
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

Matthew
4

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Mt. 4 is a great passage

4:1- Jam. 1:13- ...for God cannot be tempted with evil.

- Jesus is talking about God being pure spirit.

- Jh. 4:24

- In this passage it's God manifested in the flesh and has to be tempted as we are.

- Heb. 4:15

- To be a suffering Saviour and a simpathetic Saviour he has to be tempted.

4:1- Led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

- This is where Jesus is going to be tempted.

- The bible says pray and lead us not into temptation.

- Mt. 26:41

- But Christ is led- so this is a testing

- This is a test to make sure we have the right kind of saviour.

- Who will conquor where Adam failed.

- Christ conquors all.

- Christ was tempted- Could Christ have sinned? -- Yes

- If it was impossible for Christ to sin then it would be usless to try and tempt Christ to sin.

- Adam had no sin nature until he sinned.

- You might be in a very succesful business that you love and in order for you to go all out for Christ you will have to quit.

- A lot of men have rejected the call to preach because of their job, or wife or family etc.

4:23- Preaching the gospel of the Kingdom

- This is not the death burial and resurrection of Christ.

- This is not the good news that Christ died for sinners.

- The healing signs are a part of the Kingdom gospel.

- 1Cor. 1:22

4:24- Notice not all lunatics are devil possessed.

- devils and those which were lunatick

- Roman catholics thought when a man was insane he was devil possessed so they put them in boxes and treated them very bad.

- The bible makes a distinction between possessed with devil and people that are lunaticks.

- 1Th. 5:14- comfort the feeble minded.

4:25- Learn where these cities are on a map.

Fishing is always bad in the fool moon, to much light.

- The moon is a type of the church, if you emphzise the church or body of christ to much you won't catch fish.

- The emphasise should be on Christ.

- Go fishing after a rain, or after troulbe in the life of a sinner he is easier to lead to Christ..

4:19- If you can get as interrested about men as you do fishing you can lead many to Christ.

- A man that goes fishing everday will catch fish.

- If you will go soul winning everyday you will eventually lead someone to Christ.

4:20- These are men called to preach, they left their jobs and followed Christ.

4:21- Two more fishermen.

- Mending their nets

- Lk. 5:2- washing their nets.

- Nets have to be cleaned and mended.

- Thats the charicter of a child of God.

4:22- they immediately left the ship.

- Some people will have to quit their job to serve the lore.

- It's hard for a fisherman to quit fishing, your on the beach in the ocean who doesn't love fishing.

- Jesus could of sinned but he didn't.

4:2- 2 other men who fasted 40 days and nights.

- Moses and Elijah both fasted 40 days.

- So we take for granted when Jesus fasted he was taken up to a high Mountain

- Mt. 4:8

- Most likely the mountain was Mt. Sinai

- Mt. 4:1- Sinai is in the wilderness.

- Moses and Elijah were both on Mt. Sinai when they fasted.

4:3- These 3 temptations are subtle

- Doc. has never read a commentary that says how subtle they are.

- Doc. has read 42 commentaries and 2 of them ran 20 volumes.

- The reason why the commentators fail is because they underestimate the devil.

- The devil isnt that dumb.

- Don't you know he had the whole OT memorized before John the baptist showed up.

- The devil read Isa. 53 & Ps. 22, he knew who he was dealing with.

- All the commentators said he tempted Christ to feed himself.

- The devil knew it was going to take more than a loaf of bread to tempt Christ.

- This is God manifested in the flesh.

- These temptations are there but that isnt the root of it.

- The root of it is, that all 3 temptations Christ had to do it it was commanded in the scriptures.

- You have the 1st and 2nd Advent

- Malachi says he will come down and go to his holy temple

- Mal.3:1-3

- He comes and lands at the 2nd Advent at the 2nd Advent he gets all the kingdoms of the world.

- At the 2nd Advent he has to fed those Jews with bread in the wilderness.

- Rev. 12:6,14

- Micah 7:14-15

- The devil tempted Christ to do something he had to do but at the wrong time.

- That shows how sublte the devil is.

- The devil can tell you, you need to be witnessing when you should be working.

- The devil will tell you, you need to be studing when you should be witnessing.

- Or doing something for God when you should be spending time with your family.

- The first thing Christ does is he gets baptized, because he is under the water.

- You never had a baptism in the OT. But why now in the NT?

- Christ had to come under water to get down here so the first thing he does is get baptized.

- The first men he gets are fishermen because every body he gets will have to be hauled up out of the water.

- This is why he baptized.

4:18- Casting a net - throw net.

4:19- So men are like fish and soul winners are like fishermen.

- There is all kinds of ways to chatch fish so there is all kinds of ways to catch men.

- Gill net, sein, throw net, rod and reel.

- Sein and gill net will catch all kinds of fish good and bad.

- Its a type of mass preaching to a large crowd of people.

- A throw net the lead is on the bottom and you drag the net the sinkers on the bottom come up to the top and the fish get caught in the pocket.

- Rod and reel - fishing for individuals

- There are many different ways to fish and as many ways to lead some one to Christ.

- When you get a bite you set the hook,

- Study fish and fishing and you will learn how to catch men.

4:17- Jesus began to preach

- His primary function was a preacher

- That's why they hate him.

- His message was repent.

- A preacher shouldnt be a lazy sloppy preacher

- A preacher is a soldier of the cross.

- If your called to preach you have the highest calling on earth.

- The devil will do everything he can to convence you to stop

- He will make you think there is nothing to your calling.

- The way a nation treats its preachers will determin how that nation goes.

- Jesus Christ was a preacher.

- They crucified him because of his preaching.

- Thus saith the Lord--- Boom

4:17- Jesus began to preach not heal, the healing came later.

4:17- Kingdom of Heaven-

- Physical, literal Jewish kingdom is at hand.

4:18- First 2 men he picks are fisherman

- Why- because were all under water.

- Gen. 1:6-8

- The devil is getting you to do the right thing at the wrong time.

- You need to pray for wisdom and understanding.

- Lessons to be learned from chapter 4

1- No way to fight the devil without the word of God.

Mt. 4:4, 7, 10

- Every time Christ opens his mouth to battle satan he quotes scripture.

2- Christ never corrects the scriptures or makes a reference to the original manuscripts.

3- If Jesus was tempted then your going to be tempted

4- **Mt. 4:6-** the devil can quote scripture

- Ps. 91:11-12

- The devil said it is written but he didn't quote the scripture, he just said it is written.

- People will say the bible says then they will say something thats not in the bible.

- If someone says it is written then you need check the reference.

4:6- A quote is missing.

- In all thy ways

- The devil leaves out 4 words.

- This is the difference between sound doctrine and unsound doctrine.

- When a church of christ quotes **1Pet. 3:21** he says:

  - Whereunto evev baptism doth also now save us.

  - He leaves out - The like figure.

- Mk. 16:16- He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved.

  - He only quotes half the verse

  - But he that believeth not shall be damned.

- These 3 temptations are the same basic temptations that any body is exposed to.

- A man said one time Christ wasn't tempted in all points like as we are because he wasn't married.

- How can he put up with a mean wife if he never had a mean wife.

- There are 3 basic temptations

- Every temptation you have will be a variation of one of these 3.

- The 3 temptations are found in:

  - Mt. 4:1-10

  - 1Jh. 2:16

  - Gen. 3:6

- 1st temptation

  - Mt. 4:3- Command these stones to be made bread

Jesus- **Mt. 3:16-17**- Just been baptized and has a testimony he is God's son.

- Mt. 4:1- Temptation, Devil shows up

- the devil seems to work on you more during times of prosperity than adversity.

- Backlidding usley begins in prosperity not adversity.

4:14-16- Isa. 9:1-2

4:16- Great light- in this case spiritual

  - We know it's spiritual light it is Jesus coming and preaching to them.

Isa. 9 - Notice the context has nothing to do wiht spiritual light.

Isa. 9:1- The context of 9:1 is the battle of Armageddon and the 2nd Coming of Christ.

- Remember the OT prophets saw the 1st and 2nd coming together.

- Isa. 9:1- This did not take place in Mt. 1.

- Isa. 9:1-7- is both Advents together.

- 1-5= 2nd Advent

- 6-7= 1st and 2nd Advent

- When Matthew write**s Mt. 4:14- 16** he is making spiritual application.

- Isa. 9:1 has not been fulfilled and won't until the 2nd Advent.

4:11- After all the judgment is over after the white throne judgment, everyone thrown into the lake of fire thats supposed to be there, Then it will be the devils turn.

- Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess...

- Ph. 2:10-11

4:8- 4:3- You do it - that's Arminianism

- 4:5-6- Let God do it - That's Calvinism

- 4:8-9- Let me do it for you- Satanism

4:11- Lk. 4:13- For a season

- Notice in these temptations when the devil shows up.

- Gen. 2- No bills, no peoplems, perfect temperture, no work, man and woman.

- Everything is perfect

- Then pops us the devil

- Job- Perfect man, eschews evil, has everthing, kids cattle, very smart, rich

- Up pops the devil

- David- Devil gets David to number Israel.

- David has conquered all his enemies

- He has all the land grant that God promised to give Israel, all his enemies are put down

- Up pops the devil.

- 1Jh. 2:16- Good for food

- Gen. 3:6- Lust of the flesh

2nd temptation

- Mt. 4:6- cast thyself down

- 1Jh. 2:16- Pride of life

- Gen. 3:6- A tree to be desired to make one wise.

3rd temptation

Mt. 4:8- sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them.

- 1Jh. 2:16- Lust of the eyes

- Gen. 3:6- Pleasant to the eyes

- These are your 3 basic temptions

- Lust of the flesh

- Lust of the eyes

Pride of life.

- These 3 temptations have another bracket thats even more subtle.

- We will look at this practicly.

4:1-2- 2 other men in the wilderness who didn't have any thing to eat or drink

- Moses, Elijah

4:3- Tempter = is the devils title

4:3- If - Every time the devil speaks in the bible its with a question.

- Gen. 3:1- Yea, hath God said?

- Mt. 4:3- If thou be the son of God?

- Mt. 27:40- If thou be the son of God come down from the cross.

- Job 1:9- Doth Job fear God for nought.

- Everytime the devil begins with a question.

- This show you something about the scripture.

- Don't ever begin in the scripture with a question.

- Every heresy is about a scirpture verse that is unclear and easily argued about.

- Acts 2:38- This is not a good place to start your theology

- In Acts 2:38 there are

1- No christians

2- There all Jews

3- There all under the law

4- Nobody know the plan of salvation

- This is not a good place to start

- Always use a scripture that is clear and easy to be understood.

- Never interpret a clear passage in the light of an obscure one.

- Mt. 28:18- All power is given unto me in heaven and earth.

- When Christ says this you have to remember he diligated that power.

- Heb. 2:14

- Christ gave the power to the devil and he still has them and will keep them until the 2nd Advent.

- No matter what happens this world is headed toward the antichrist and there is no way to save it.

- Rev. 11:15- until this verse they belong to the devil, and there is nothing you can do about it.

- Question- These really big men who are very high up in the world how do they get there?

- This world belongs to satan so he must of given it to them.

- They have comprimized with the devil.

4:8-9- 3rd temptation- if your not going to do it and not let God do it for you.

- # 3- Then let me (devil) do it for you.

- Let me do something for you.

4:9-10- Deu. 6:3

- Every quote Jesus makes is from the OT.

- Every one is from Deueronomy, 2 of them is from one chapter.

4:5- Mal. 3:1-2

- He will come this way to the temple in Malachi

- Christ will come down through the air.

4:6- Cast thyself down

- Do something spectacular

- 2nd temptation - Let God do it all and you do nothing.

- Ps. 91:11- Devil left out - In all thy ways.

- The Lord promised to take care of you when your walking in his ways

- Christ ways in the 1st Advent was not to go to the temple.

- His way was to go to calvary and die on the cross.

4:7- The devil is tempting the Lord God right now

- Jesus is the Lord God

4:8- Mountains are probably Mt. Sinai

- The devil had a TV before they were invented.

4:9- Fall down and wordship me

- Lk. 4:5-6- The kingdoms of this world belong to satan

- 2Cor. 4:4- He is called the god of this world.

- Christ did not disagree with the devil

- He didn't say these kingdoms arn't yours.

- Because they are

- Always interpret an obscure passage in the light of clear passage.

- Unclear passage

- Heb. 10:26, 6:6,

- Mt. 16:16

- 1Cor. 15:29

- Clear passage

- Heb. 9:27

- Isa. 64:6

- Mt. 12:28

- Rom. 10:13

- 1Jh. 5:12- All one syllable words.

- Jh. 10:27-28 - eternal life

4:3- 1st temptation- do it yourself

- Don't let God do it, do it youself

- You don't have time to wait on God you do it.

- Nike - Just do it

4:6- 2nd temptation - Let God do it

- Let God do it and you do nothing

- Don't do nothing and God will take care of you.

- Don't work God will take of your family

- I am going to trust God by faith

- Don't witess to them the elect go to heaven anyway.

- Don't study before you preach God will give you the message.

- 2nd temptation is don't do anything let God do it.

- Both of these are wrong

- ILL- 2 men in a boat and a electrical storm comes and one says we need to pray an the other says you pray and I'll start rowing

- That's the right way

- Work like it all depends on you and pray like it all depends on God.

- Bob Jones Sr. said:

  - God will never do for a man what he can do for himself.

- You want to be a good preacher then go start preaching.

- 1st. 4:3- you do it

  - So you pray and ask the Lord to help you in everything you do.

  - Col. 3:17

  - Don't do anything by yourself always ask God for help.

4:4- Christ is saying you don't leave God out of your life.

- The bible is more important than your daily bread

4:4- This is the 1st preaching Jesus ever did.

- The first time he opens his mouth he says the word.

- Deu. 8:3

- Deu. 8:1- The Lord could be preparing something for you right now in the ministry

- You don't know what the Lord will do for you

- Just be faithful

- 8:2- 1- to humble thee

2- to prove thee

3- to know what was in thine heart

- 8:3- God is teaching you, you live by the word of God.

- 8:10-14- Some day you might be in this condition.

- 8:16-18- This is good stuff here, its as Good as the Pauline epistles.

- 1st temptation - do it yourself

Answer - No I am going to ask God for help and consult him on everything all the time.

4:4- But by every word

- You know what that means in the greek?

- Every word.