WE DON'T WRESTLE AGAINST FLESH

EPHESIANS 6:12

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against **the rulers of the darkness of this world**, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

EPHESIANS 6:13

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

II CORINTHIANS 10:3

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

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ACTS 7:22

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

ACTS 7:23

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

ACTS 7:24

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

ACTS 7:25

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

ACTS 7:26

26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

ACTS 7:27

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

ACTS 7:28

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

ACTS 7:29

29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

JOHN 18:10

10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

<u>JOHN 18:11</u>

11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

MATTHEW 16:21

21 ¶ From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

MATTHEW 16:22

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

MATTHEW 16:23

23 But he turned, and **said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan**: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

II CORINTHIANS 10:2

2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

II CORINTHIANS 10:3

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

MATTHEW 4:1

1 ¶ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

To be tempted. The word *to tempt*, in the original, means to try, to endeavor, to attempt to do a thing; then, to try the nature of a thing, as metals by fire; then, to test moral qualities by *trying them*, to see how they will endure.

of the devil. The word signifies a slanderer, one who casts imputations upon another. Hence that other name given him ($\underline{\text{Re}}$ <u>12:10</u>), "The accuser of the brethren, who accuseth them before our God day and night."

Mark (<u>Mr 1:13</u>) says, "He was forty days tempted of *Satan*," a word signifying an *adversary*, one who lies in wait for, or sets himself in opposition to another, him whose characteristic is false accusation against men.

The *time* of his temptations was from the middle of the month Tisri to the end of forty days; that is, from the beginning of our month of October to the middle of November, or thereabouts: so that he conflicted with cold, as well as want and Satan.

MATTHEW 4:2

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

Hunger always leaves after a few days of fast and returns after a long fast of about 40 days or when all toxic poisons have been expelled from the body.

MATTHEW 4:3

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

MATTHEW 3:17

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.

MATTHEW 4:3

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

MATTHEW 4:4

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.

WORD: rhema {hray'-mah}

that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word

an utterance; a saying of any sort as a message, a narrative: concerning some occurrence

MATTHEW 4:5

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

The temple was surrounded with porches fifty five feet wide, and seventy five high. The porch on the south side was, however, sixty-seven feet wide, and one hundred and fifty high. From the top of this to the bottom of the valley below was more than seven hundred feet; and Josephus says that one could scarcely look down without dizziness.

The word *pinnacle* does not quite express the force of the original. It is a word given usually to *birds*, and denotes *wings*, or anything in the form of wings, and was given to the roof of this porch because it resembled a bird dropping its wings. It was on this place that Christ was placed.

MATTHEW 4:6

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: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

PSALM 91:11

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

PSALM 91:12

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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And how that does hit God's servants, to be a show-off, to show what you can do. "Glory to God! Hallelujah! I'm a deliverer! I'm so." See? See?

130 "Come up here, on top of the temple, and set down here." He tempted Him to do it. **Now, remember, He was tempted to** **do it, hard.** Said, "Now, if You want to be something before the people, stand up here on this temple, jump off." See? "I'll give You a Scripture for it, because it's written, 'He'd give the Angels charge over Thee, lest, any time, dash a foot against a stone. He'd bear Thee up.'" **To make Him a show-off, to show His authority**.

131 No true servant of God ever does that. You see a man showing off, his chest out, and all like that, just remember, there is something wrong there. No. God don't want that. Jesus set the example. **He could have done it. He certainly could have done it, but He didn't do it. No servant of God is a showoff, of himself, to try to take God's power and show himself above somebody else.**

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¹³⁶ When he come to that show off with Jesus, he said, "Get up on the temple here and jump off."

He said, "It's written," amen, "'Don't tempt the Lord thy
God.'" See? He met him with the Word, that, every major assault.
No true servant ever tries to show himself off, with-with God's power. He does, he loses right then.

<u>MATTHEW 4:7</u>

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

EXODUS 17:6

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

EXODUS 17:7

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

He called the name of the place Massah, *Massah* signifies temptation or trial;

and Meribah, contention or litigation.

DEUTERONOMY 6:15

15 (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

DEUTERONOMY 6:16

16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye ***TEMPTED** him in Massah.

TEMPTED: nacah {naw-saw'}

to test, try, prove, tempt, assay, put to the proof/test

PSALM 78:17

17 And they sinned yet more against him **by provoking** the most High in the wilderness.

PSALM 78:18

18 And they **tempted God in their heart** by asking meat for their lust.

PSALM 78:19

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, **Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?**

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E-94 Now, I want you to take your glasses off and look out through that way, and see if your eyes are focused. Can you see? Now, he said they're not focused right yet. Maybe we could just once more ask it. Just keep your glasses off this time. Now, bow your head everyone.

Now, **I trust that we're not trying to tempt God to perform a miracle**. See? Now, brother, now have faith. Remember, we're trying to have faith with you. See? But it'll be according to your faith, it'll be done. Now, believe with all your heart that God will do it......