

4 Questions answered in
the Wilderness

2 “You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years,

Deuteronomy 8:2–3

that He might *humble you,*
testing you, to know what was
in your heart, whether you
would keep His commandments
or not.

Deuteronomy 8:2–3

3 "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand

Deuteronomy 8:2–3

that *man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.*

Deuteronomy 8:2–3

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

Matthew 4:1–11

2 And after He had fasted forty days
and forty nights, He then became
hungry.

Matthew 4:1–11

3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

Matthew 4:1–11

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' "

Matthew 4:1–11

**5 Then the devil *took Him into the
holy city and had Him stand on the
pinnacle of the temple,**

Matthew 4:1–11

6 and *said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On *their* hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.' "

Matthew 4:1–11

7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Matthew 4:1–11

8 Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;

Matthew 4:1–11

9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

Matthew 4:1–11

10 Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.' "

Matthew 4:1–11

11 Then the devil *left Him; and
behold, angels came and *began* to
minister to Him.

Matthew 4:1–11

1. Who are you?

3 ***If*** You are the Son of God...

Matthew 4:3

Our entire faith in
God rests upon our
confidence in
who we are, and
whose we are.

Knowing and resting in
our position as children
of God changes
everything.

2. What are you living for?

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Matthew 4:3–4

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Can we put off
immediate pleasure for
eternal gain?

Our most basic choice
each day is whether to
feed the Spirit or feed
the flesh.

Feeding our flesh keeps
us earthbound in our
thinking and way of
living.

Feeding our Spirit
satisfies our soul and
flesh in a healthy, life-
giving way.

3. Will you seek after
glory, or glorify God?

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Testing the Lord
means to manipulate
God into seeing things
our way.

This is a trap!

If we require attention
and glory for what we
have done, we set
ourselves up for
offense.

If we can express love
and serve others
without receiving
credit, we have become
like Jesus.

4. Do you trust God
with your life and
destiny?

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Along the road of our
destiny are many
shortcuts. Every one
of them undercuts
our potential.

We make a "deal with the devil" when we use carnal means to attain to a spiritual calling.

5 "Who is this coming up from the wilderness Leaning on her beloved?"
"Beneath the apple tree I awakened you; There your mother was in labor with you, There she was in labor *and* gave you birth.

Song of Solomon 8:5