

LENT :
A Time of
Encounter,
Testing
&
Preparation

Study Guide – Sunday 28th February Lent Week 3 – One God, My Allegiance



Please read Luke 4.5-8 and Deuteronomy 6.4-6, 10-14

1. Why do you think Jesus answers the devil's test/ temptation using a phrase from this Deuteronomy passage?
2. What's the issue at the heart of this test/ temptation?

Jesus resists the devil and refuses to succumb to his test/ temptation – Why?

Firstly, He would not bow down and worship the devil as though he were God-like. Please read Revelation 12.7-9, 12-13

3. Why is Jesus' resistance to the devil so important for God?

Secondly, He refuses Satan because the power, splendour and authority of the kingdoms of this world held no attraction to Him. He came to establish a new Kingdom as different to the kingdoms of this world as light is to darkness. Please read Psalm 2.10-11; Matthew 16.21-27

4. How does Jesus' response and Peter's response to this temptation speak to you?
5. What aspects of the glories and splendour of the kingdoms of this world are a source of genuine temptation to you – and could (potentially) compromise your allegiance to God's Kingdom?

Thirdly, Jesus' resists the devil's test because He knows that humanity needs to be released from the power of the evil one (the 'strong man') in order to experience life in God's fulness as intended. For this to happen, the devil needs to be overcome and defeated not flattered or bargained with.

Please read Mark 3.27; Hebrews 2.14-15; 1 John 3.8; Acts 10.37-38

6. Why is Jesus' resistance to Satan so significant for us? How should we respond to Jesus?

Whilst the victory over Satan has been won by Jesus, we have an ongoing role to play in the furtherance of God's Kingdom into the Kingdom of Darkness. Please read Luke 10.17-19; Revelation 2.8-11; James 4.6-8; Ephesians 6.10-12; 1 Peter 5.7-9; Ephesians 4.26-28; 1 John 4.4

7. What do you need to start doing this week to resist and overcome the devil in partnership with God?
8. What do you need to stop doing this week to stop making it easy for the devil to keep overcoming you?