



DGM Message Title: Full-Time Benefits

Theme: Become Full of the Word of God

Message Summary:

We will all have times in our lives when we will feel alone, tired, and exhausted. In those times we may be tempted to handle things on our own, but our victory will only come when we fight with the Word of God. Just as Jesus used the Word of God to defeat the enemy, so can we! The key is knowing the Word, so we can reap the full-time benefits it provides.

Scripture References:

- Luke 4:1-8 NKJV
- Psalm 121:3b-4 NIV
- Psalm 20:7 NIV
- Psalm 75:6-7 NKJV
- Psalm 91:7 KJV
- Philippians 4:19 NIV
- Genesis 1:28 NKJV
- Psalm 24:1 ESV
- Romans 5:19 NKJV
- Revelation 5:1-5 NKJV

Key Points:

- **Luke 4:1**
 - The devil challenged Jesus over 2000 years ago
 - Jesus was just baptized by John the Baptist and was being led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness
 - Just because you find yourself in a hard place does not mean God has not led you there
 - ***It is the hard that makes you great***
 - We may be experiencing a government shutdown, but the Bible says:
 - ✓ He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep (*Psalm 121:3b-4*)
 - ✓ Some trust in chariots some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. (*Psalm 20:7*)

- The devil was trying to mess with Jesus' sense of self or identity, hoping to bait Him into using His own spiritual power instead of waiting on God
- Jesus had authority and power within Himself to literally turn that rock into bread and there would have been nothing wrong or sinful with Jesus doing that
 - However, must consider the spirit behind the idea
 - **What you're doing may not technically be wrong, but if you could only see the spirit behind, it you'd quit!**
- **Luke 4:4**
 - Jesus responds with the Word of God
 - **We know that Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy**
 - When he comes, we can make a citizen's arrest because we know what the Law of God – His Word, says
 - If you don't know the Word, then you cannot enforce it!
 - Jesus responds, as should we, with, "It is written"; comes directly from what Moses wrote in Deuteronomy
 - Jesus was saying that something as fundamental as food will not take precedence over my obedience to God
 - ***When you are in the wilderness and feeling a little weak; when everything is not going quite your way, what can you be bought for?***
 - Jesus was NOT FOR SALE, neither should you!!!
 - ***If Jesus could be tempted like this, why wouldn't you or I?***
- **Luke 4:5**
 - To be able to experience what this verse says, the devil could not have taken Jesus to all of these places, so the temptation occurred in his mind
 - **Our greatest battles are always fought first in our minds**
 - *Jesus has the Word of God inside of Him enabling Him to stand*
 - The devil is not going to shut up; you must answer with the truth of God's Word – that's how we win
- **Luke 4:6**
 - If the devil had no authority, this would have not have been a legitimate temptation
 - The would have been absolutely nothing to tempt Jesus about
 - Genesis 1:28
 - How did the devil get his authority?
 - This verse informs us that God put Adam in charge; Adam's authority can be likened to a lease where he owns the property but gives the lessee the right to temporary control
 - ✓ *Psalm 24:1* tells us the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof
 - When Adam obeyed the devil and not God, Romans 5:19 tells us this single act of disobedience, Adam subleased the earth to the devil
 - ✓ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (*Romans 5:19*)
 - The good news is that the devil's lease is running out
- **Revelation 5:1**

- Some scholars say that this seal represented an ancient lease
- What we see is God wanting to give humanity a new lease on life
 - Opening the scroll, God must first enter into judgement against the first tenants
 - This is similar to the sheriff showing up and evicting you
- **Revelation 5:2-5**
 - There was no one found worthy enough to open up the scroll who could get the devil out
 - But the Lion of Judah is able to open the scroll and loose the seven seals
 - Jesus is the only one who could lead out!
 - **God does all things well**
- **Luke 4:6**
 - The devil had to have authority in order to offer it
 - He had more authority than we want, **but thank God, our sins are never greater than His mercy**
 - The devil was saying that he would give him a crown without Jesus having to go to the cross
 - The devil was trying to coerce Jesus to take a short cut and skip the pain, but there is always a catch
- **Luke 4:7**
 - *A reporter asked the famous criminal Willie Sutton, why he robbed banks?" Willie responded, "because that is where all the money is."*
 - *A reporter asked the devil, "why he wants to be worshipped so much?" He responded, "because that is where all that is valuable is."*
 - Our worship to God in our giving and living is not just filler stuff, it's the "**good stuff**"
- **Luke 4:8**
 - Jesus knew how to get it done!
 - Get in the Word long enough for the Holy Spirit to start writing some answers in your heart
 - Keep reading the Word even when you don't understand it, because eventually God will leave something in you that will rise up on the inside when the devil shows his face
 - Jesus threw the Book, the Bible at the devil
 - **Stop expecting full time benefits, if you are a part time follower**
 - **There is no higher way to worship than to give God all of you, all the time**
 - Get the Word of God on the inside of you, because when the day of trouble comes, and the devil shows up, you have some substance to resist
 - Sometimes we are Christians in form; we look like the real thing, but when the devil takes a bite, what he gets is a whole lot of hot air, and no substance!
 - God is calling for us to be solid- containing substance, His Word, through and through, so, when the devil comes to try and take a bite, you break his teeth off
 - Get in the Word until the Word gets in you!!!