

A person wearing a white robe and a white headscarf is standing in a field of dry, golden-brown grass. The person is seen from the side, looking towards the right. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with a body of water visible in the distance. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

# **Jesus' Victory Over the Tempter**

**Matthew 4:1-11**



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## **Job 1:8-11**

And the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?” <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.”

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- John calls Satan the father of lies (John 8:44).
- Peter states Satan is our enemy and wants to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8).

## **1 Peter 5:8**

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.









**We learn how the tempter works.**

- Temptation occurs when we are given an opportunity give into a selfish desire (James 1:14).
- Satan is still using the same method today (1 John 2:15-17).

## **James 1:13-15**

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

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## **1 John 2:15-17**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.





**We learn how to resist the tempter.**

- Three times Jesus said, “It is written” (Matthew 4:4,7,10).
- God’s word equips us for battle (2 Timothy 3:16).
- Always look for ways to escape temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).

## **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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## **1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Jesus knew temptation. I am  
encouraged to know He understands  
what temptation is like and knows  
what I am going through.



## Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

I am thankful Jesus used scripture.  
With each temptation, He responded  
with, “It is written!” It worked for Him,  
and it will work for us.