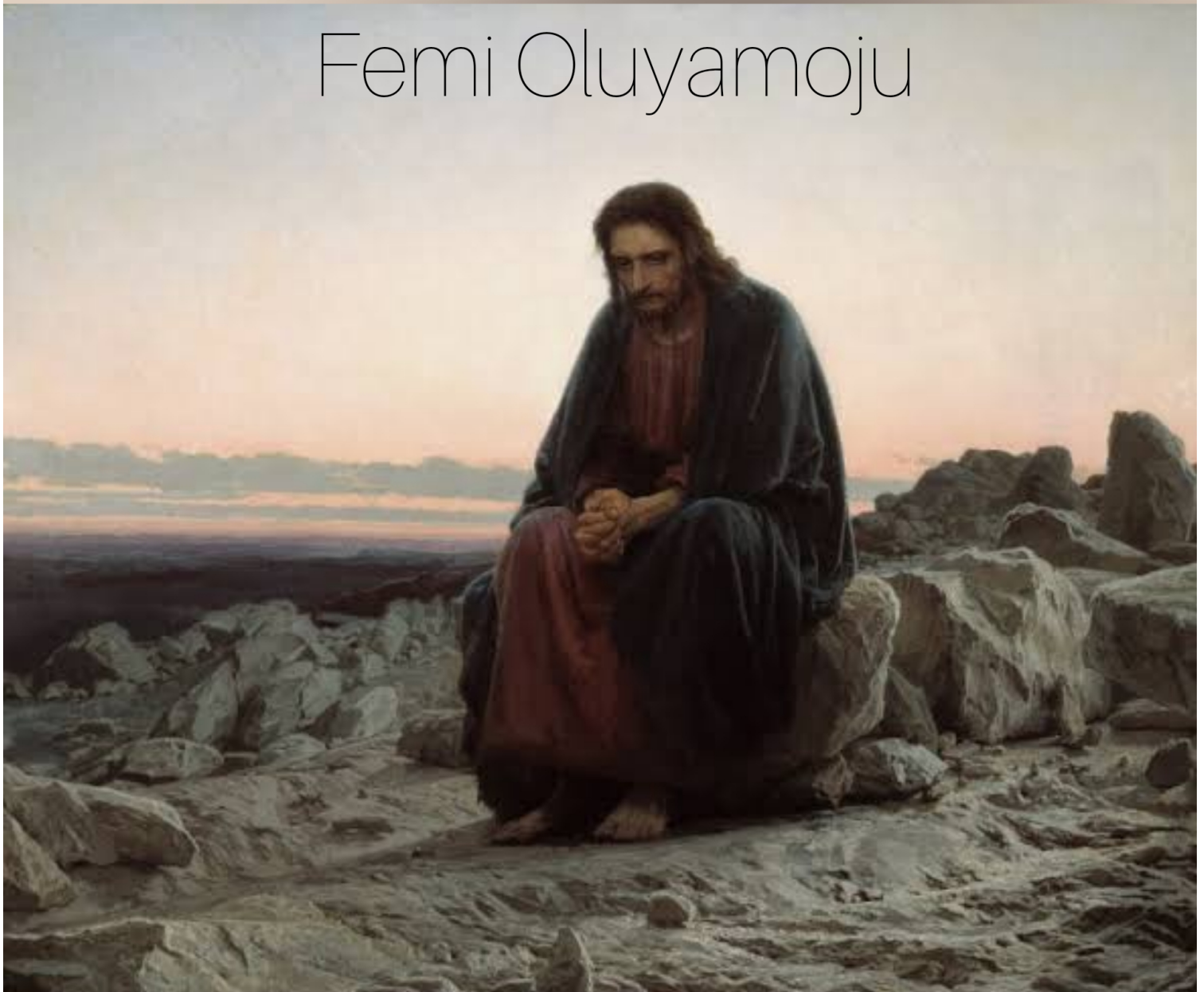


The Three Temptations Of Jesus

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**Timeless lessons on the
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Turning Stones To Bread



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The whole kingdom of darkness stood still. Satan was furious.

He roared in anger: "How did you guys allow Him to grow to this age? I sent all you useless demons to kill this Jesus before He clocks 30 years."

"Now, He has gone to meet that John the Baptist and He has been baptized. Even the heaven opened and God Himself spoke. We need to fight against this Jesus with everything we have"

Satan stood up and addressed his meeting, "Do you all remember that the first Adam and Eve were created without sin yet when I met with them, I tempted them and they fell. Watch me as I deal with this Jesus."

At that instant, Satan came down from the sky with his numerous demons. These demons have come to learn from their master, their master was the only person with enough wisdom to counter Jesus.

TEMPTATION ONE: THE OTHER VOICE

When Satan got to Jesus, he called his demons and explained to them in a lecture like manner his planned attack.

He said: do you guys remember the first tactics I used for Adam and Eve? I distracted them from listening to God to listening to me.

As long as a person keeps listening to God, they will have faith, they will obey God, they will stand firm and they will have strength.

So how I work is this, I first attack the various encounters that they had with God, I question if truly they heard from God.

That's what I did to Eve, I made her inquisitive about the fruit, I made her start wondering what was special about that fruit, then I stylishly led her to the tree. She should have not entertained my discussions but she allowed me.

I questioned the instructions God gave them. That's the same things I do to all and I will implement same for this Jesus.

All the while Jesus was in the wilderness, Satan kept asking Him; Are you sure you are special?

Satan said further; Jesus, you thought you heard a voice saying you are the beloved son, are you sure you heard right?

How can you be a beloved son yet you are fasting for 40 days and night? How can hunger be the evidence of your sonship.

Do you feel any special? Can you feel any power in your body? After the Baptism, did you feel funny?

Satan kept bombarding Jesus with a lot of questions just to make him doubt the Anointing and the voice of God.

Satan turned to his demons and said "now it's time to give Jesus the first blow I gave to Eve. I, Satan, started a discussion with Eve and she answered me. I questioned the instruction God gave them, instead of her to shut me up, she answered my very stupid question: "did God tell you not to eat all the fruit in the garden"

If food works for Adam and Eve, let me use food for this Jesus.

So Satan told Jesus, "you know I have been asking you if truly you received power, if truly you are a child of God, if truly you have Anointing. Now let's test it to confirm to yourself that you are truly a son of God"

Satan continued; "At least no one is around, no one will see you, if truly you are the son of God, you should be able to do very simply creative miracles like turning one small stone to bread"

Satan concluded by saying; "I am not asking you to do something crazy, you know as the son of God, you are not supposed to be hungry, since God is your father, he can use anything to feed you, so turn stone to bread, consider it as fulfilling three key things. First, you will confirm that you are a son of God, secondly you will feed your hunger and

thirdly you will use it to practice how to do great miracles". Don't forget that the thing that God cannot do doesn't exist.

Satan finished his perfect temptation and watched as Jesus looked at the stone.

The whole demons were quiet, even demons sent to kill temporarily forgot their assignment, their master Satan had thrown the first major temptation and the outcome of this temptation might mean the end of the ministry of Jesus.

The angels were all at alert, they can't talk in this regard, they only watched, waiting to hear what Jesus would say.

The Holy Spirit was quiet, He is the teacher and the helper, He descended physically on Jesus after the Baptism and He had prepared Jesus for the test, but as a very good teacher, He keeps quiet during the examination.

God the father was seated on His Everlasting throne, a part of Him called Jesus, has become flesh and went to earth, today, Jesus was about to be tempted but God knows that His part cannot sin because He had no seed of sin in Him

Then Jesus answered the devil, I know your voice and your tactics is to make me, the son of God, to desire to eat stone as bread. It is already

written that man shall not live by bread alone but by the word that comes from the mouth of God.

The words you speak didn't come from God, I know your voice Satan, I know you very well, as important as bread is to the body, I cannot take decisions because of bread, I do not take instructions from you because I needed to eat, no matter how hungry I am, no matter how poor I am, no matter how dried up my provisions are, I will not stoop low to take instructions from you Satan, I will be patient to wait upon God to hear what God will say about all matters.

Until God gives me instructions concerning my sustainability and provision, I am very content because God's got my back, so Satan shut up.

Uhhhhhhh

What a knock out, what a defeat, the angels rejoiced, the demons were confused, God smiled but Satan didn't even spend a second brooding over his loss, Satan immediately set in motion the next temptation. He never gives up.

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Haven't you noticed that there are thoughts that comes to your mind regularly questioning your salvation, the words of God and instructions of Jesus?

That's the devil, that's his sure tactic. That's him using the weapon of doubt and unbelief.

After this stage, Satan brings other voices to speak to you. These voices might be worldly advice from friends, family, social media or your office etc.

The next stage is that Satan will speak words that sound religious but Satan will intentionally twist the meaning of Bible instructions.

To assist him in confusing you, many churches and preachers have been empowered and prospered by the devil to teach heresies.

Satan has also gotten many former genuine ministers to backslide and teach half truths, just to confuse you.

These ministers entice you with sweet words, miracles, wealth, testimonies and prosperity. They will never teach you the bitter, painful instructions of Jesus, rather they present Salvation as easy and sweet.

Finally they convince you that having bread, money, cars, houses and worldly possessions is the evidence of being a child of God.

Such a person is now tempted to begin to turn stone to bread in the name of Jesus.

Such persons begin to sow money so that they can become millionaires. They fast and pray so that they can have prosperity. They run after Anointing oil, handkerchief & special prayers so that they can have more favour and prosperity.

Finally the devil ends it by telling such person: Don't trust God that He can take care of you, don't wait on the instructions of Jesus, don't be content with what God promised you, become covetous and don't be satisfied, fear being poor and do anything to be rich.

At this stage, many fail the test, they fail to tell Satan, man shall not live because of what he can get on earth or because of prosperity, possessions and feeding but the most important thing for me is to live and obey every instructions that Jesus the Word of God gives me.

Many fail to tell Satan that obedience to Jesus is better than any sacrifice or sowing or sacrificial seed.

Many fail to reply Satan exactly the way Jesus replied Satan.

The question is this: are you one of those who rejected the devil or have you fallen for this temptation

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Part 2

**Bow
To
Gain
The
Earth**



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After Jesus defeated Satan in the first temptation, God smiled but Satan didn't even spend a second brooding over his loss, Satan immediately set in motion the next temptation. He never gives up.

Satan faced his demons and taught them saying, I am moving to the next phase with this Jesus guy.

I don't give up when the person I'm tempting escapes, rather I increase the tempo of my tests and increase the intensity of my temptations.

CREATING FEAR OF LOOSING OUT ON VANITY

Satan continued his lecture: When I started discussions with Eve, I asked her about the fruit and she replied with what the Lord says, I immediately changed to my second test, creating a false sense of loosing out on vanity.

I made her an offer to look beyond the Lord's instructions and I painted her a picture of how wonderful her temporary life on earth will be if she disobeyed God.

I offered her the fake of what God had already offered her. She was already like god because she was created in His image but I painted her a picture that she can become god in this world on her own terms.

She never knew that all I wanted to do was to make her substitute the original for the fake. As soon as Adam and Eve fell, they lost their godlike positions to me, I made them sinners like me and I took over the position of the Prince of this world.

It worked on Eve and I have assurance that it will work on Jesus, Satan concluded.

So he led Jesus to the side of a great hill, he chose that place because it overlooked some of the most beautiful houses in town.

He had ensured that the latest transportation in town, the chariot of gold (the rolls Royce of that time) was visible to Jesus. He positioned ladies with skimpy outfits, all sizes of chest and behind. He ensured that the biggest boat of those times was parked at the harbour.

Satan who is a master planner with over 4,000 years experience ensured that the chariot carrying the most costly gold passed around the time Jesus was on that hill. Should in case Jesus could fancy homosexuals, he ensured that they were visible.

He showed Jesus the temple, how beautiful the temple looks, the crowd in the temple, how members were worshipping the priest and all the paraphernalia of the office of a great prophet.

After the full show Satan spoke: I do not argue that you are the son of God, let's forget about the stone and let's focus on your mission on earth.

God couldn't have sent you to earth to suffer, your God owns all the heavens but don't forget I am now in charge on earth. You need to do things the way of this earth so as to gain this earth.

Don't insist on doing things in accordance to heaven standard, bow to the standard of this earth and I promise you, I'll give you success.

The wealth of the gentiles is yours, just reduce your holiness and I will do wealth transfer.

Next time don't spend 40 days fasting and praying for ministry, bow to the lust of the eyes, fall in love with the things on this earth and only fast for prosperity.

Do you see those fine ladies and gentlemen, choose your choice and I will give you as many as you desire.

Don't be content, grab as many as your heart desires, I won't deny you these sweet things.

Can you see those dance steps, those music and partying, add them to your services, borrow so much ideas from my world and I will give you plenty members.

Can you see the crowd in the city, they can all come for your services, just reduce your standard, accept my standard, and I'll give you a great ministry.

Bow to my way of doing things, I will even give you a temple more beautiful than that of the chief priest.

I won't stop you from holding services, but please bow to religion, join the crowd, do things the general way, don't bow to the Holy Spirit and I will grant you greatness in this world that I control.

That instant, Satan took Jesus into a vision and showed Jesus a picture of a very wealthy, popular, prosperous, ministry with millions of worshippers, he showed Jesus a vision of kings coming from all over the earth, just to see Jesus. He took Jesus high up into the sky to look at exotic places, great properties and how much wealth He controls. The vision was breathtaking.

Right that instant, Satan cut the vision and showed Jesus the crowd shouting kill Him and Jesus being thrown down a cliff to die a painful death.

Satan said in earnest, Bow to me and the love of the earth and I will make your stay here sweet and celebrated.

Reject my offer, you will be poor, you will be wretched, life will pass you by and you will die.

Silence everywhere

Jesus looked at everything the devil played in front of Him, actually they looked very beautiful and enticing.

Then Jesus looked at the heavens, what does it profit me to bow down to receive a earth made of dust when I can stand up for God to receive eternal reward.

It will be foolishness to accept to reduce my holiness so that I can enjoy the earth for 150 years when I have access to heaven for ever if I stand upright.

What can separate me from the love of God, is it lack, poverty, nakedness, lack of great ministry, lack of popularity or what?

I'll rather loose my life on earth than loose my reward in heaven.

Jesus turned to Satan, Satan get behind me, take all your offers and put them behind me. I will not chase after them, I will not consider them. Your best gold on earth is less than the sand in heaven.

Those houses and chariots will soon expire and civilization will bring new toys. No matter how beautiful those ladies are, it's made from dust.

I'll rather have 11 disciples that are heaven bound and choose my own betrayer myself than own a massive temple where worldliness is enthroned.

You see, my reward for 100% holiness is far greater than all the fake glory on earth.

Satan, you made a mistake, you couldn't stop me from reading the word of God for myself, it is written that the only person we are to bow to is God in heaven and the only purpose we have on earth is to serve God.

Satan, listen very carefully, I have counted the cost, I am willing to loose this world just to gain eternity.

Thus, Jesus defeated the devil again

God smiled, the demons were confused, Satan their master had failed again.

But Satan didn't act like someone ready to give up, he was already strategizing for the next temptation.

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It is the strategy of the devil to present this world as interesting while making you feel living the lifestyle of Jesus is boring and dull.

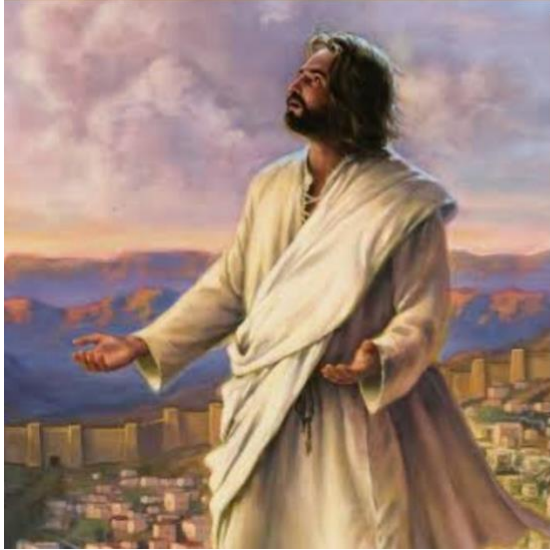
He had succeeded in turning a lot of believers including churches to follow after worldliness.

Satan is in charge of the world, it's styles, it's Standards and it's riches. He gives it to anyone who is willing to bow to worldliness but the price you will pay is your eternity.

He has succeeded in forcing many churches to reduce the standards of Christianity so that they can gain crowd. They have bowed to pressure and indirectly they and their leaders have bowed to Satan

Have you bowed? Run to Jesus, He is waiting to help you overcome

JESUS'S THIRD TEMPTATION



**What your God
cannot do doesn't
exist so
Jesus!!! Jump down
From the pinnacle**

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After Jesus defeated Satan in the second temptation, God smiled but Satan didn't even spend a second brooding over his loss, Satan immediately set in motion the next temptation.

This time around, He watched as Jesus walked into the city of Jerusalem. He knew Jesus was going to the temple, so he waited for Jesus at the temple.

The temple was built by a hill in such a way that you could literally walk up to the pinnacle of the temple.

It was also almost time for prayers, the people of that time have the habit of rushing into the temple for prayers. After prayers, many will rush back to their businesses but a few will wait for the scroll reading.

The time that Jesus got to the temple, the crowd had rushed in for prayers so Jesus stayed at the pinnacle.

Satan the master strategist smiled, he actually planned it all. He pushed many people to the temple for prayers just so that there won't be space below. He wanted to tempt Jesus at that place.

Satan turned to his demons and he taught them saying; when I tempt people with my words and with the beauty of this world and they pass, the next thing I use is religion.

FAITH FOR SELFISH DESIRES

Since they have decided to serve God, I use their service and familiarity with God to test them.

I give them a false sense of FAITH that is outside the obedience of GOD. This is actually more of tempting God rather than faith.

I tempt them to only use God as a means of satisfying their selfish desires. This is not what God wants, this is actually idolatry. I make them comfortable with another kind of religion that looks as if they are serving God but they are actually serving themselves. This is idolatry.

Same temptation worked for Eve. I told her to have faith and believe that if she eats the fruit she won't die. She had faith that if she do what God told her not to do she won't die, isn't that foolishness? But I tempted her to believe and finally she fell, she ate the fruit and assisted me to give her husband who refused to listen to me directly. They finally fell and death came into the world.

I am going to do the same with this Jesus.

So Satan came to Jesus, in the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Jesus; Your God isn't an ordinary God, your God is very powerful. What your God cannot do, does not exist.

If truly you are the son of God, don't wait for your God to direct you, rather direct your God yourself. Your God says whatever you decree shall be established, your God also says you should ask and it shall be given unto you, don't wait for the will of God before you ask, ask according to your selfish desires, ask to please your self.

If truly you are the son of God, you need to showcase your God by performing showmanship miracles. Just perform unnecessary miracles

just to prove to people that you have power so that your ego can be satisfied.

If truly you are the son of God, jump down the pinnacle. Thank God you know how to read the Scrolls, it is written in your Scrolls that angels will catch you.

Make a great entrance, start your ministry in a big way, show off your anointing. Jump now

The silence in the spirit was deafening.

Satan faced his demons and instructed them: if Jesus jump down, I need many demons to catch him.

I don't need him dead again. His death means God will quickly send another deliverer.

I need to convert Jesus from a son of God to a magician. From a minister of truth to a showoff minister. I will use this singular act to increase his ego & pride, he will begin to use God to magnify his anointing and finally I will destroy him alive. I will use him to teach the crowd rubbish and instead of saving the earth he would be performing magic.

So the demons dressed like Angels of light and went to wait for Jesus at the bottom of the temple.

God was silently watching, this temptation is very slimy. It's covered with religion, it's like the voice of Jacob but the hand of Esau. Only those who have totally yielded their lives to God can defeat this test. Those who follow religion will fail this test.

Jesus replied the devil, I don't need to prove my sonship to you or anyone. I am the son of God most high.

There is a thin line between serving God because I want to please God and serving God because I want to please myself.

You forgot that I had surrendered my all to God and I have no dreams, no ambitions and no personal goals outside God's will for my life.

I can't take any decision unless I am led by God, I don't practice the religion self and I do not lift my own desires above God.

There is a thin line between having faith by submitting to the will of God and tempting God by trying to submit God to my will.

God hasn't given this instructions to jump down, all the reasons you gave me were to satisfy my flesh but FYI, I am dead to the rulings and dictates of the flesh.

Satan, read my lips. I cannot and will not tempt my God.

There was an applause in heaven. A great celebration.

For the first time, since creation, we have found a human being who didn't fall for any of the three major tricks of the devil.

Finally, we have found a being whose life can become example to many.

For the first time, the great tempter failed woefully.

Satan left immediately after telling Jesus, I'll be back.

The Holy Spirit congratulated Jesus and came back to minister unto Him.

Satan repeated these tests many times in the the lifetime of Jesus but he failed all through

Jesus became the only man who have walked the earth without committing any sin.

The only way you can also overcome sin is to follow 100% the teachings of Jesus and his lifestyle.



There is a very thin line between serving Jesus because you have recognised Him as your Lord and saviour and serving Jesus because you want a better life.

Satan is very comfortable with those who are religious but who still have personal desires, want wealth and want earthly things. They have fallen for the third temptation of using God as a means of pleasing themselves.

Ministers who do show off of their miracles, who do signs and wonders on camera, who prove their Anointing by making other people fall in church, who teach members to command God for their personal desires, have definitely fallen for the third temptation of the devil.

Do you love God more than your own life? Are you ready to loose the whole world if it's needed to please God? Then you are on your way to defeat the devil.

Do you still fear poverty? Do you go to prayers meetings only because you want miracle? do you only give to God because you want more money? Do you only pray when you need something from God? Then you are already in danger of the third temptation.

Accept Jesus today and obey all His instructions so that you can overcome the devil

God bless you

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