

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I do not know if you were joining us yesterday, but we are looking at **Matthew chapter 4**. Yesterday, I read in the Amplified version about the temptation of our Lord. I want to talk further about that today.

You see, the Lord had no need to meet the devil, because He was the triumphant Federal Head. He met him for us. When we realize what that meant for Jesus to meet the enemy and take him on in that perfect Body, we do not have to fear what is coming at us even though it seems very fierce and hard from the enemy. Every part of man is assailed. There are the needs of the body, there is the pursuit of the soul, and there is the urge of the spirit.

I want to talk about first the body. Hunger must not master the body, for, even in a physical crisis, our physical needs can be sustained by the Word of God. . . . **for man shall not live my bread alone. . . (verse 4)**. I am speaking to some of you, I believe, who could be feeling very hungry right now and you do not know how to feed the children. Would you please go to the Word of God and ask God to be the Becoming One to deal with your problem, and not be weakened by the forces of Satan? Let the Lord be your guide, may He be your wisdom, may He be your joy, for He took on Satan for you that you might, at this time, depend totally upon Him. Then what about the soul? Divine power is bestowed for need, not demonstration or display. So often we feel it is the big show of what we are and what we are doing. Presumption - our presumptuous attitude - is not faith. Misquoting, misusing Scriptures can hide disaster

behind a plea of safety. I want you to understand that for your soul at this time, the Lord is telling you that it is going to be as you hide in Christ. You see, in the spirit, the devil craves for worship. That is his prerogative against the high God. He is saying, “I want to be served. You serve me.” But Jesus Christ has dealt with him three times when He said - **It is declared. . . - it is written. . .** Jesus spoke, He reproved, He rebuked - . . . **Get thee hence, Satan.** In other words, Jesus is in total command.

The Lord Jesus has given us the Sword of the Spirit, the very breath of the Almighty. It is insuperable, because it is infallible. It is reliable because it is authoritative. It is enduring because it is eternal. Do you know, that is for us also? A sword means there is a war on! For long, tense, exhausting forty days, the Lord was tempted. In terrible conditions, the Sword must be used. Take the Sword of the Spirit. He used it. It does all it says. It always will.

There is victory, victory in Jesus Christ, if love and know Him, for you and me, in the very situation where we are. For we read -

11 Then the devil departed - fled - from Him . . . We are told to. . . **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** But he will not do this unless, in the Name of the Lord, we take His Word and stand in His Word, believing the Lord to accomplish exactly what He has promised to do. That is done, because we understand the principle that we are . . . **workers together with God.** Are we to receive the grace of God in vain? Don't we realize that He should be our very life? Shall He, who laid down His life for us, never see us fully yielded to the surging power of His presence? We are a new creation in Christ Jesus. That means, you are a new person. By faith, in your situation I want you to let Him work through you.

We have a book called *Food for Faith*. If you have not yet sent for that book - it's a free copy - we want you to have it. It is not meant to be put on your shelf, but for you to carefully read it. You will see the principle of how to take the Word daily, so that it might be the Word of God in you, the Word of God standing firm against the attacks of the enemy as you see that Christ is the victor. Remember, He got us the victory. Therefore, you and I don't have to work at dealing with the enemy. We stand in Christ and as we stand firm in Him. We ***resist the devil***, because Jesus made provision for that. Therefore, we can have that peace to know the Lord will not only accomplish this, but will get all the glory through us as we trust Him to do this.

In Jesus' precious, lovely Name. Bye Bye.