

THE EXAMPLE OF THE LORD JESUS

Title: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God”

Text: Luke 4:1-4

A REVIEW OF THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS

1. He was born with great potential (Luke 1)
2. He did His part to grow up well (Luke 2)
3. He followed through and was ready to fulfil His Father’s Will for Him (Luke 3)
4. He now sought to prepare Himself for ministry (Luke 4:1-13)
 - a. By prayer and fasting
 - b. In the wilderness
 - c. For forty days and forty nights

HOW DO WE LIVE OUR LIVES?

1. There is a “normal” way of living
 - a. Following the crowd
 - b. According to our human needs
2. Life as God intended

OUR LIVES AS GOD INTENDED IT TO BE

1. To live according to:
 - a. God
 - b. His Word
2. Seen in the example of the Lord Jesus

“... being tempted for forty days by the devil”

- a. He was tested in the wilderness
 - i. By the devil
 - ii. He was hungry

- iii. He was at all points tempted as we are but without sin (Cf. Hebrews 4:15)
- b. But through this test He showed what it means to live as how God intended
 - i. Man shall not live by bread alone
 - ii. But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God
 - iii. He succeeded in His battle against the devil

THE EXAMPLE OF HOW THE LORD JESUS LIVED

“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’”

1. Knowledge

“It is written...”

- a. The Lord Jesus knew the Scriptures well
- b. He was able to quote it from memory
- c. He was able to employ it effectively against the devil

2. Focus

- a. The Lord Jesus was focused on God and His Word
 - i. He lived by the Word of God
 - ii. It came to the forefront of His mind even amidst difficulty
- b. He was unmoved by his own hunger and the devil’s temptations

3. Strength

- a. He lasted forty days and forty nights without food
- b. This could not be done instantaneously
- c. It was part of the growth of the Lord Jesus
 - i. He did His part to develop Himself
 - ii. He grew strong in spirit (Luke 2:40)

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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