

# Morning Lesson

## THE VICTORY

Matt. 4:5-11

### INTRO:

1. Satan quotes scripture and supposes he has me Jesus on his own ground.
2. He is demanding evidence of Jesus' faith.
3. "If you are the Son of God" is still there.

### I. FAITH IS NOT PRESUMPTION.

- A. Satan thought he could take advantage of Jesus' humanity and get him to act boldly to make his point and let God pick up the pieces.
- B. "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." Deut. 6:16, Ex. 17:1-7; Heb. 11:6
- C. Faith is in no sense allied to presumption. Mark 14:38

### II. DON'T LOSE COURAGE WHEN TEMPTED.

- A. Do not doubt God's leading.
- B. Jesus did not presume and go unbidden into the land of temptation, nor did he give up to despondency when the temptation came. 1 Cor. 10:13; Psalm 50:14, 15

### III. SATAN CLAIMS THE WORLD.

- A. Jesus could avoid the sorrow and hardship ahead by acknowledging the supremacy of Satan.
- B. He offered what he did not completely own. Dan. 4:17
- C. Jesus came to establish a kingdom of righteousness and he would not be bought.
- D. Satan makes the same offer to men today.

### CONC:

1. The way of the Lord in dealing with Satan is submission to and faith in God. James 4:7, 8
2. Satan's flees before those who find refuge in the name of God. Prov. 18:10
3. We will never fully appreciate the cost of our redemption until we stand with the redeemer and see what he gave up at the risk of eternal loss.
4. But through faith we can cast our crowns at his feet and sing. Rev. 5:12