

AT THE POINT OF MY NEED

(Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:13)

And He (Yahshua) went without food for forty days and forty nights, and later **He was hungry Vs 2**. At the point of Yahshua's need – hunger, Satan came with his answer. “If You are God's Son, command these stones to be made bread” (vs. 3). With a hint of doubt, “If you are”. This was a temptation within a temptation. Satan well knew Who Yahshua was. He used the old scheme of when he first tempted man- doubt. To Eve he said, “Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1) He created the need for Eve and Adam to fall into temptation – to become like God.

Yahshua was and is the Bread of life that satisfied and continues to satisfy many of us. He was physically hungry, but His Spirit was never hungry and weak to have fallen into temptation. As He said bread alone does not maintain life, but every Word that derives from the mouth of God. Man's need is not only in the physical; it is also in the spiritual level. Bread alone does not satisfy the soul, it will never meet the spiritual need of mankind. “Seek first the Kingdom of God”, Yahshua commanded us to do, for the physical need to be met.

At the point of their physical need in the desert – hunger, Israel complained and murmured against God Who delivered them from the world of Egypt, through a miraculous act of opening the Red Sea for them to pass through. This was not just a creek; this was a major body of water! Their unbelief lead them to fall into the temptation of tempting God while they walked through the desert in direction of the Promised Land. They desired the things of Egypt and never understood the meaning of God's plan for them as a nation. Their eyes were fixed on the past, but were blind for the future where God was taking them to.

In the second temptation Satan took Yahshua to Jerusalem and placed him on a pinnacle of the temple and again he used the same hint of doubt “If You are the Son of God” throw Yourself down; for it is written, He will give His angels charge over you, and they will bear you up on their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone. These are words from the Psalm ninety-one. Clearly here he is justifying his temptation with the written Word of God, for which Yahshua said, on the other hand, it is written also, You should not tempt the Lord your God. We see here without a doubt Israel tempting Yahshua when He was on the cross, at the point of His need. They said to Him, “**If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross** and again they tempted Him with these words: He rescued others from death; Him elf He cannot rescue from death. He is the King of Israel? **Let Him come down from the cross** now and we will believe in and acknowledge and cleave to Him; He trusts in God' let God deliver Him now if He cares for Him and will have Him, for He said, I am the Son of God (Matthew 27:40-43). These words were coming straight from the devil, who according to Luke, when he left Yahshua he left him “until an opportune and favorable time”. The opportune time had arrived, when Yahshua at the point of His need, was met with Satan's continued temptations through Israel.

On the third temptation, Satan took Yahshua to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and said, all these will be yours with transferred power and glory, if You do homage to and worship me (Luke 4:7,8). Here we see Israel tempting God with the golden calf; they had rejected the true God Who delivered them, for a dead calf. Their actions were so filthy and so carnal as they worshiped this golden calf! Yahshua's answer to this temptation sent the devil running. He said, Get behind Me, Satan! It is written, you shall do homage and worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve (vs. 8).

James teaches us to submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from us at the point of our need, when temptations will certainly come. We must be able to see it coming and be prepared for it in submission to God. At the point of our need, we must desire to be filled with the Bread of Life and never look back to the past things of the world or of our Egypt. His Word is filled with comfort and encouragement, as in do not fear, for I am with you; let not your hearts be troubled, just believe in God and in Me; I am preparing you a place and I will come back for you. Satan will try to distort God's Word to make us fall into his temptation with thoughts contrary to God's. Our minds must be girded with the Word of God, the two edge sword in readiness to fight Satan's schemes. Plant it in your heart and soul and apply it with the power that comes from God.

At the point of our need, Satan will come to us and he will take us to pinnacles and high mountains and he will show us things which will look good from the distance; he will show us the easy road, so it seems, only to destroy our relationship with God and separate us from His blessings. In submission to God first, we can resist him and he will be gone!

At the point of your need be dressed with the full armor of God and use it to protect your mind, your will and your emotion against the devil's lies and stand firmly with your feet shod to be able to use the two edge sword- the Living Word of God to fight against the devil's schemes. And pray... pray... pray at all times- being alert, watchful not to fall into temptation.

THINK ABOUT IT!

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