



LIFE OF PROMISE

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



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Matthew 4:1-11

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Prophecies - God has declared in advance, events that He will cause and they have come true.

Healing – God/Jesus speaks words of physical, emotional, relational restoration and it happens.

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God's unchanging character - He reveals His attributes and He never expresses Himself contrary to them.

Living with eternity in mind - God gives enduring wisdom to guide us on earth because what we do echoes for eternity.

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Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

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4 But he answered, “It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

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in an illegitimate way.

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Our Response: Trust in the nature and timing of God's provision for us.

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5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “ ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

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7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

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The Second Temptation: Use God to your own end.

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Our Response: Remained secure in God's plan and timing for advancing your life.

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8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “ “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”

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11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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Our Response: Refused to idolize any aspect of the creation at the cost of worshipping the Creator.

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1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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Application: Identify the root issue of your temptations, apply Scripture in dependence on Jesus, and invite God to keep His promise to deliver you.