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GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN

Luke 4:8

We are constantly bombarded with Satan’s temptations. He knows our weak points and focuses upon them. Satan uses deception and lies all the time to cause us to fall. In our text he shows no respect for Christ. If he doesn’t respect Jesus we know he will pull no punches with us.

Luke chapter four and verses one through thirteen gives the account of Christ being tempted of Satan at the beginning of his ministry. It said he was tempted forty days. We are also told that Jesus fasted during those days and afterward was hungry. That is prime time for Satan. He will hit us when we’re hungry. He will try to mix up our religious convictions. He will tempt us to be filled with pride and let it become our downfall.

Christ gave us the authority to say “get thee behind me, Satan.” The word of God grants us all the ammunition we need to battle the old fox. As Christ used the words “it is written” he knew that was the final word and Satan could not match it. Even so we can stand up to the devil only if we use the word of God. How does this work? When we are tempted to do something, we should consider if this is of God or not. If there is Scripture to counter what we are tempted to do, we should know it is of Satan and therefore we should put the temptation as well as the tempter behind us.

We should feel so blessed to know that Christ has traveled the road of temptation before us. We should be equally blessed to know we have been given the same “Word” he used to overcome such temptation. Lord thank you for these special words that are written in red!

Yours in Christ,

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