

# Thou Shalt Worship The Lord Thy God

## I THOU SHALT WORSHIP

1. "Thou"- You. 2. "Shalt"- Must.
3. "Fear"-Reverence. Deut. 6:13.
4. "Worship"-Obeisance. Mt. 4:10.
  - A. God's People Must Worship.
  - B. People Worship. Rom. 1:21-25.
  - C. Not Worship False gods. Jer. 25:6;  
Deut. 17:2-3; 1 Kings 9:8-9; 2 Kings 21:20-22; Jer. 16:10-18.
5. "The Lord"- Mt. 4:10.

6. "The Lord Thy God." Mt. 22:37;  
Deut. 6:5; John 4:24; Acts 10:25-26.
7. "Him Only Shalt Thou Serve".  
Mt. 6:24; Rev. 19:10; 22:8.

## II. NOT WORSHIP SATAN.



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INTRO: My subject does not deal with the temptations of Jesus, but rather with the worship of God.

### **I. THE SETTING**

- A. Jesus had fasted for forty days, He was tempted during this time, not just at the end of the forty days. Mark's account tells us that He was there in the wilderness forty days; He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted of the devil. Luke 4:1b-2a. No doubt the three temptations mentioned by Matthew and Luke came at the climax of the whole period of temptation. Satan presented the final desperate attack on our Savior in three avenues. The old devil was very clever in this final attempt to cause Jesus to sin.
- B. The old serpent uses a three-prong attack on our Lord.
  - 1. In the first temptation, Satan says, "If thou be the Son of God, command these stones be made bread." Matt. 4:3b.
  - 2. In the second temptation, the devil says, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down." Matt. 4:6b. Notice that Satan says, "If thou art the Son of God." The "if" implies doubt, which of course questions the Lord's divinity. What a temptation! The arch enemy of mankind challenges the Divine Sonship of Jesus. Satan demands a miracle to demonstrate or prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. The Father had already declared that Jesus was His Son when John baptized Jesus. Matt. 3:17.

If Jesus had responded to these two challenges and had performed miracles, it would not have changed the devil's mind or proven to him anything he did not already know. It was the temptations that Jesus had to meet and overcome. Yes, Jesus was tempted in all points like as we, and yet without sin. Heb. 4:15. Jesus had to be tried as man, and not as God.

- 3. The third temptation of Satan would demand that Jesus do exactly the opposite from what He came into the world to do. He came to turn men back to worship and serve God, not to do homage to the "god of this world." 2 Cor. 4:4. When Satan told Jesus that he would give him all the kingdoms of the world if he would bow down and worship him, he thus tempted Jesus with the "Lust of the eyes." 1 John 2:16b. Jesus gave answers from the Bible of his day, he quoted from Deut. 6:13, "Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name." With this third test, Jesus commands the "Prince of this world" (John 12:31) to "Get thee hence, Satan." Matt. 4:10. James tells us, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" James 4:7. We cannot give Satan any place in our lives. Paul told the Ephesians, "Neither give place to the devil." Eph. 4:27. Instead of worshipping Satan, we must do as Jesus quotes: "Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him." Deut. 6:13; Matt. 4:10.

Jesus quotes from Deut. 6:13 to answer Satan. In this chapter Moses is warning the children of Israel. When they enter the land of

Canaan, they were going to take cities that they had not built. They would take vineyards they had not planted. They would have houses they had not built and cisterns they had not hewn out. They were warned not to forget Jehovah that freed them from Egypt and gave them Canaan. They must fear Jehovah, serve him, and not swear by any other name. They were not to go after the gods of the people among whom they lived. When they became wealthy in this new land, they may have the tendency to think that they had done all this by their own power and thus not depend on God. Moses warns of the dangers of apostasy. Notice what Moses says must be done in Deut. 6:13-18.

- a. Fear only the Lord. Deut. 6:13.
- b. Swear to God only; Honor His name. Vs.14.
- c. They must not serve other gods. Vs.14.
- d. They must give God supreme affection. Vs.15.
- e. They must not tempt God. Vs. 16.
- f. They must keep God's commandments. Vs.17.
- g. They must serve God by constant obedience. Vs.18.

## II. THOU SHALT WORSHIP

- A. "THOU." God directs Moses to instruct Israel and says "Thou"! Then Jehovah tells His people what to do. He is not telling heathens to worship a god or gods. God is telling His people whom they are to worship. He says "you."
- B. "SHALT." Israel, thou "shalt," you must! It is not an option. Israel had no choice. If she was to please God, she must do as He commands.
- C. "FEAR." The Hebrew word translated "fear" in Deut. 6:13 has the meaning of reverence (Eph. 5:33), as well as being fearful or afraid. This is a reverent awe, which is moved by love. Where this fear is found in the heart, it will lead to serving the Lord in holy obedience. *Pulpit Commentary*, Vol. 3, p.120. Deut. 6:13. This passage in Deut. 6:13 is the passage quoted by Jesus in Matt. 4:10, but the word "fear" is replaced by the word "worship" in Matthew's account.
- D. "WORSHIP." Jesus told the devil, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Matt. 4:10b. The Greek word translated worship means "To make obeisance, do reverence to (from pros, towards, and kuneo, to kiss). Is the most frequent word rendered worship? It is used of an act of homage or reverence to God, e.g., Matt. 4:10; John 4:21-24." *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words* by W. E. Vine, Vol. 4, p. 235.
  1. God's people are to worship! They are to reverence, to make obeisance. The psalmist said in Psa. 95:6-7.
  2. People all over the world worship. Some worship idols, some worship animals, others worship people, and some worship things: wealth, popularity, education, prestige, or any of a million things. Paul found the people in Athens worshipping idols. Acts 17:22-

23. Heathens may be expected to worship false gods. Paul describes such people in Rom. 1:21-25. The Apostle Paul further explains how Gentiles gave themselves to vile passions and refused to have God in their knowledge. They practiced unrighteousness knowing that they would be eternally separated from God. Rom. 1:26-32.

3. God's people are not to Worship false gods. Jer. 25:6. Note again what Moses said in Deut. 17:2-3. God told Solomon that if he and the children of Israel would keep His commandments then He would bless the temple and the people. But, if they laid hold on other gods, he would cause the temple and Israel to be destroyed. Note Jehovah's statement. 1 Kings 9:8-9. Amon was a wicked king in Judah. He worshipped false gods. 2 Kings 21:20-22. It is interesting to see how God used Jeremiah to forewarn of the grievous distresses about to come upon Judah because of sin. Jer. 16:10-13.
4. Man is going to worship! God demands that man worship Jehovah—and worship as He directs.
- E. "THE LORD." God is a jealous God! He is our King! All of our allegiance belongs to Him. God is our Lord, our Master! Deut. 6:13. This is the passage that Jesus quotes to Satan. Matt. 4:10. The word "Lord" is used in the New Testament as an adjective and as a noun. The context of the sentence most always shows how the word "Lord" is used. Jesus says we are to worship "The Lord thy God."
- F. "THE LORD THY GOD." God's people are to worship God, Jehovah. Jesus told the young lawyer which was the greatest commandment. Matt. 22:37. Here Jesus refers to Deut. 6:5. It is God the Father that we are to worship. Jesus told the Samaritan women that the time would come when true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and truth. John 4:24. When Peter came to Cornelius, the centurion fell down and worshipped him, but Peter would not allow such worship. Acts 10:25-26. What a difference in Peter and mere men such as the Pope of Rome. Pope John allowed people to bow down and make obeisance to him. God's people do not worship anything or anyone except God.
- G. "HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE." Jesus would not worship Satan, and He tells us that no man can serve two masters. Matt. 6:24. We must not worship men, angels, or the devil. Rev. 19:10; Rev. 22:8-9.

### III. WE MUST NOT WORSHIP OR SERVE SATAN.

Our Lord Jesus was victorious over Satan. He is a perfect example for us. Thank God. Jesus defeated our great enemy. Instead of falling for Satan's temptation, Jesus overcame by quoting God's Word so that we can answer each temptation with the proper passage. May we say, "Get thee hence, Satan." Matt. 4:10. If we do, Satan will flee. James 4:7.

CONCL: We can be comforted by the fact we can overcome our dreaded enemy and be victorious over him as Jesus was.