

# Jesus

## The Perfection of Man, The Conquering Light

### Matt 4:3-4:25

#### **Vs 3-11**

**Q: How arrogant, ignorant and powerful is Satan?**

His pride is supreme. Isaiah 14:12. He is not omnipotent nor omniscient as God. He does not fully realize his end, deceiving himself. Col 2:14-15. God does not joke around with him though. He declares him a liar and a murderer (Jn 8:44, 1 Pt 5:8)

**Q: What is Satan's basic strategy?**

Focus on self. "You deserve it." "You need it" "God should serve you anytime, anywhere"

**Q: Why did Jesus choose those passages?**

Both sections he quotes from take the focus away from self and focus on obedience to God. Both are God's words to us about how he cares for us when Satan tries to get us to focus on self.

Deuteronomy 8:1-6 - I will take care of you when you are hungry, when you can't take care of yourself, when you are in the midst of a desperate trial

Deuteronomy 6:10-19 - I will provide for you what you have not gotten on your own, my gifts and grace will be extended in my time in my way, according to my goodness. Just be patient

**Q: How do the scriptures help you in your daily life? Is your advice and the path of your life scriptural? Could you explain your decisions based on the Bible?**

We are meant to base it all on His word. (1 Timothy 4:7-15) Watch our life and our doctrine. Our doctrine often determines our life. It is also the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17), sharper than a two edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12)

#### **Vs 12-17**

**Q: What is the context of this passage? "That it might be fulfilled... Isa 9:1-2."**

Read Isaiah 8:11-22 - It's about a people who have walked away from God. A people who have turned against His message and seen even His messengers as stumbling blocks. "If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

**Q: Let's examine the darkness. How bad off are the people in it? How desperate is their situation?**

Darkness: Ex 10:21, Ex 14:20 (darkness to some and light to others "The Last Battle), Deut 28:28-29

Light: John 1:1-13, John 8:12, Eph 5:8-14, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 1:5, 1 John 2:8, Rev 21:22-27

**Q: Jesus is our rescue. How are we supposed to take this passage and live it out?**

People don't realize they are desperately blind because they've been blind their whole life. They have not realized they cannot see. We present Christ, the cure in the hopes that they may see. He is a powerful, overcoming light.

**Q: Repentance? Why is this the message?**

You need to realize you were wrong, you were blind, you need God. The light has come, the kingdom has come and you are in the darkness.

#### **Vs 18-22**

**Q: How can we relate to the disciples? Jesus said in Luke 14:33 Unless you leave all you have you cannot be His disciple. Can we identify with them? Why not?**

The answer is, no true Christian should be far from this type of call on their life. This who hold on to more are weaker in faith.

