
stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

*2 Corinthians 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.*

What is our best defense?

Matt. 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

The great enemy

Encountering Jesus - part 10

Matthew 4:1-11; April 13, 2014

■ *Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.* ■

■ **"How do you account for so much evil in the world?"** ■

Historical explanations for evil

Dualism:

■ Monism: ■

Secular explanations for evil

Secular #1: Material world, only

■ Secular #2: Human problem; human solutions ■

Secular #3: "We're basically good."

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Biblical explanation for evil

A. Human evil:

*Psalms 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none
who does good.*

* Foolish:

* Heart:

* Corrupt:

* Abominable:

* Good:

B. Supernatural evil:

1. Who is our adversary?

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour.

Purpose:

Methods:

Tactics:

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

2. Where is the battle line?

Matt. 4:3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Mt. 4:5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him
