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MATTHEW 4:1-11

- 1 ¶ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
- 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
- **3** And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
- 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- **5** Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
- **6** And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- **7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
- **8** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
- **9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
- **10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

DEUTERONOMY 8:1-10

- 1 ¶ All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.
- **2** And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.
- **3** And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.
- 4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

- **5** Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.
- **6** Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.
- **7** For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;
- **8** A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;
- **9** A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.
- **10** ¶ When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

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- 55 I want to back up just a little bit, to the 4th verse again.
- But he answered and said unto him, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- Now for a subject, I would like to take that, "every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Now hold that in thought while we speak.
- 57 Jesus once said, in Saint John 6:48, I believe that's right, as I jotted it down this morning, "I am the Bread of Life." This was at the feast of the Passover, when the Jews were--were eating their kosher in commemoration of the manna that fell in the wilderness, and--and they were drinking from a fountain there representing the Rock that was in the wilderness, and they were having a great time. And Jesus cried right out, in the midst, and He said, "I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers eat manna in the wilderness, for the space of forty years, and they're every one, dead. But I'm that Bread that come from God out of Heaven. If a man eat therof, he'll not die." And for the rock, He said, "I am that Rock that was in the wilderness. I am that Rock that your fathers drank from."

JOHN 6:24-58

- 24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.
- **25** And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

- **26** Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.
- **27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
- **18** ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
- Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
- 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
- **31** Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
- 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
- **33** For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
- 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
- 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
- **36** But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.
- 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
- **38** For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
- And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
- 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
- 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?
- 43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.
- 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

- 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.
- **46** Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.
- **47** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
- 48 I am that bread of life.
- 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
- This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
- I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
- The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?
- Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
- **55** For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
- 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
- 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
- This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

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- "How?" They said, "You're a man not more than fifty years old, and say that You seen Abraham? Now we know that Thou has a devil and are mad."
- 59 And Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." See, "I AM" was the Pillar of Fire that was in the bush, that talked to Moses. And if you would fix that out in its nouns and pronouns, not "I was, I will be." "I AM" is present tense, all the time.
- We thinking of this, that Him saying, Himself now, that, "I am that Bread of Life." Now how could this Man be Bread of Life? That's what we wonder. "My body is Bread," He said. And now how could this Man be Bread? That's kind of strange, but don't be puzzled about it. People of His time got puzzled about it. They didn't know how that this Man could actually be Bread, Himself. Also in Saint John 1, it is given to us this way,

that, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." So, the Word became the Bread. The Word and the Bread here would have to be the same, 'cause Jesus is the Word and He is the Bread.

- 61 Now how could He be Bread and Word? All the... It would be puzzling, to the carnal mind. But we are hoping, this morning, that there is no carnal minds among us, that there is a spiritual mind among us, that we could understand what the Father is trying to get to us here. Seeing these words are puzzling, but, at the same time, they are Scriptural Truth, see.
- "Now how could this man be Bread?" That's what they said. That's what, I believe, Josephus, many of you historians... as I been studying it.
- Now, see, this is puzzling. And, the same time, there is Scriptures. And Jesus said, "All Scripture must be fulfilled." See? Now, we want to always cut our minds from anything contrary to that Scripture. Don't never, never, any time, leave that Scripture for anything, not one Word of It. Stay exactly with that Scripture.
- **Now, God has got to judge the people someday.** And if He is going to judge the people by a church, which church will it be? They say, "The Catholic church." Well, then, which Catholic church? See? Because they are in difference with each other, worse than they are with us.
- 67 But He is going to judge the world, and He has got to have some standard to judge the world by, or He would be unjust to let us go now and--and live this life without a standard to be judged by. Who would be right? Where could you tell what was right? There has to be a standard.
- And He said, in His Bible, that He would judge the world by Jesus Christ. And we read here that Jesus is the Word. In Hebrews 13:8, said, "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." So, therefore, He will judge the church by their attitude towards Christ, Who is the Word. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Not out of the mouth of man, not out of the seminary, not out of the--of the church, but, "out of the mouth of God." Man must live by That, and That alone; not man's interpretation, but God's Own Word!
- 70 Now, if this is kind of puzzling, and about "a man being Bread and being Word," let's now go and search for this. Let's find out. Cause, the Scriptures are all true, and

they--they cannot be ever broken. Every Scripture will be fulfilled. No matter how strange it seems, That, it'll always be fulfilled.

- Now, in this room now is coming human beings, forms of human beings, passing through here, from all around the world, voices singing, is in this room right now. But, you see, you are only limited, in your senses, to a certain percent of sight. But now you can take the crystal, or the tube or whatever it's in the television, and turn it on, and with the set that could deviate that on those ether--ether waves, and deviate that, to condense it into a channel, and pick up those people; someone in Australia, South Africa, or where, India, or wherever it may be. You can stand here, on a screen, and see even the color of clothes that they got, the color of the trees, and every move they make. Just flip on the television, see if that isn't so.
- 77 Then, it's got to be somewhere, hid from our eyes, that same thing is passing through here now. It passed through here when Abraham heard God say, "Look up towards the stars." It was here when Elijah set on Mount Carmel. It was here when Adam was here, but they just now discovered it.
- 78 And so is God here, and the Angels. And someday it'll be just as much reality as television or anything else is, because the Spirit will bring us into that immortal Life. Then we'll understand. So, then, we are speaking from His Word. Now, that, we're going to try...
- We're taught that he went in the wilderness, at the age of nine, and he stayed there because his job was important. His father was a priest. And in that certain line of priesthood, or denomination, oh, his father said, "Now, John, you know you're to introduce the Messiah. You know, that Brother So-and-here just makes perfectly the Messiah!" So John had to get away from that, he would get in the wilderness to himself, because it must be God's choosing, and not man's choosing, at all, who would be the Messiah. So, he went in there at the age of about nine years old.
- And, you notice, when he come out, at the age of thirty, his sermons wasn't as a theologian. He didn't use great swelling words, but it was all on nature. He said to them church men of that day, he said, "You generation of snakes." That's what he seen in the wilderness, snakes. He hated snakes. They were poison. In their fangs they had deathly poison, and he pronounced this upon the church of that day, "You bunch of poisoned snakes, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Don't begin to say, 'We belong to this,' and, 'We're the--we're the Jesuites,' or 'We're the so-and-so,' or, 'We

belong to the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian,' or whatever it is. Don't begin to say you have that, 'cause, I tell you, God is able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." See?

- And also, "The ax," that's what he used in the wilderness, "it'll lay at the root of the tree. And every tree that don't bring forth good fruit--fruit, is hewn down and cast into the fire." See, he wouldn't cut a tree that was bringing fruit, 'cause he lived by the fruit of the tree. But, the tree that didn't bring fruit! Oh, you could just take all the Scripture, is so inspired, till everything in there fits around Jesus Christ. You see, "Every tree that bringeth forth not good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire," and so forth. You see, he--he used his message in the realm of nature.
- 83 And we want to face that now, being that we've found that He said, "I'm the Bread. And man shall live by every Word, and I am the Word." See? So we want to go back in nature. I notice a lot of times I have to do that.
- And nature runs on the same scale. You take the time you watch all the birds congregate, leave and go out in the field and go to eating. Watch all the cattle when they're out, scattered out in the field, eating. Drop your line in, fish will bite. But when them cattle... Them birds huddle up in the trees, and them cattle get in the corner, you might as well take your line up. They won't bite, because nature runs on the same scale all the time.
- And so does the Word of God run in continuity. God always does everything He does on the same scale. He decided at the beginning, when man lost his fellowship with Him, He would save him by the shed blood of an innocent one. And He has never changed His method. We've tried to educate them into it, denominate them into it, and--and beg them into it, beat them into it, or shout them into it. It still remains the same, the shed Blood only is where God meets a believer.
- Not, we cannot make one World Council of churches and everybody meet. It'll never work; it never did, it never will. That's the way I'm against that system. God has got a system. You heard it said today, "All the churches come together, it's going to be a World Council of churches. And Jesus prayed for that, that we 'all might be one.'" Well, now, you see, that's carnal minded, without knowing the Spirit.
- 87 Jesus said, "That they might be one, Father, as You and I are one." Not for some man to be over something, it never will work; one denomination wants to take over the other, and one man over the other one. But that you might be one with God, like Christ and God was one, that's what the prayer is. That, He was the Word, and Jesus prayed that we might be the Word, reflecting Him. That's His prayer to be answered.

- 88 See how Satan scruples it up in the carnal mind? But that wasn't Jesus' prayer, at all, that we might all congregate together and all have a certain creed and so forth. Every time they do it, they go further and further from God.
- 89 He wants us to be one with God, and God is the Word. Each individual, in his heart, must be that one with God.
- 90 God knowing that, this, all these things worked out like this. Now that's how we find God sometime, is to look in nature. Seasons, rotating around, proves God. That's where I first found it, how that there is a life comes up in the spring, it lives its life, produces a seed, dies and goes into the ground, comes back in the resurrection, just revolves around. We could spend hours on it.
- **91** But now how different that is from like, our missionary brother here, in India. I find many over there, and around the world, they believe in reincarnation, that, they, that you die here as a man and you come back as a bird or an animal. See, that doesn't speak with nature.
- 92 Nature speaks that this same seed went in the ground, the same seed comes up again. See? The same Jesus went down, is the same Jesus come back. Hallelujah! And this body, when it falls into the ground, it'll not come back a flower or something else, it'll come back a man or a woman. We see it in nature, how it does, it has to go through the cold winters, and rot and so forth, but the life is preserved if there is any life in it.
- 93 But if, there, if that seed hasn't been germinatized, it'll never raise again; it can't raise, there is nothing in it to raise it. And if we just become a nominal Christian... There is two churches in the world, church natural, church spiritual, they're all called "Christians." But the church natural cannot raise. It's doing its raising now in the World Council, council of churches.
- 94 But the Christian rises to meet Christ because It's a Bride, to go to meet Him. There is a difference in them. Nature holds these secrets, to us, and we can see them as we watch them. And we see that Christianity speaks the Truth, of death, burial, and resurrection.