

SONGS *of the* **Messiah**

JESUS CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

I. INTRODUCTION - THE UNIQUE USE OF THE PSALM IN MATTHEW 4:1-11

A. Here it is the devil who quotes the verses.

**B. Jesus' actions are saturated with the confidence
expressed in Psalm 91.**

II. GENERAL OBSERVATION ABOUT THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

**A. The situation - Why did Jesus go to the
wilderness?**

1. The events follow immediately on the baptism of Jesus.
2. The purpose of the forty days was to be tested.
3. Jesus is completely in submission to the plan.

B. A problem - Can Jesus really be tempted?

1. Jesus (like Adam) has no tendency to sin.
2. There is an external tempter.
3. Apart from a sinful nature, human need adds power to temptation.

III. THE PARTICULARS OF THE FINAL, CLIMACTIC CONFLICT

A. Turn the stones into bread.

1. The Issue - Will Jesus trust His Father to take care of His physical needs?
2. The Principle - Following God's instructions is more important to life than food itself.

B. Jump off the wall.

1. The Issue - Will Jesus believe in the Father's loving care despite the difficulty of the moment?
2. The Principle - The person who makes God his refuge is protected even when things go wrong and there is no sense of His presence.

C. Become king without suffering and humiliation.

1. The Issue - Will Jesus submit to the hard and unfair path to His kingdom?
2. The Principle - God alone is to be worshiped no matter what the cost.

EXODUS 17:7

He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us, or not?"