

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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# Is Satan Using You?

**MATTHEW 4:1-11 NKJV** – (1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (2) And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. (3) Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (4) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (5) Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, (6) and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" (7) Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" (8) Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (9) And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." (10) Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" (11) Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

A trap is the hidden trick of an enemy to take you captive or prisoner. To trap wild animals, some have used a spring-like device that usually has a concealed danger, offering an enticing lure or some type of tempting bait. In the past, people would dig a big hole in the ground and cover it with branches and leaves to conceal dangers and trap those as they traveled. People often walk down a path, unfamiliar with the dangers along the route, unknowingly falling into the traps set. Whether you realize it or not, you are following a similarly "figurative path" in life and Satan has placed many concealed traps along the way in order to take you captive. Learn to recognize these potential traps, as well as how to escape! , Know that the enemy's schemes never change -recognize this pattern and adjust.

The greatest conqueror of the enemy's schemes is God's word. In the above passage, notice in verse 4, 7 and 10, Jesus reminded Satan that "IT IS WRITTEN!" He further explains what was written. Do you, likewise, reference what "is written"? Do you know your word, or do you just know clichés? Even worse, is Satan simply using you?

Beat up and knock out the enemy with the "Word of God" - a guaranteed victory!!!

### SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 10:19

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.

