

S.O.H.L. (12/29/08)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

By the Book

Matthew 4:1-11 NASB - (1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (2) And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. (3) And the tempter came and said to Him, "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 ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" (5) Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand 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 WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" (7) Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" (8) Again, the devil took Him to a very 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 fall down and worship me." (10) Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" (11) Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

If God should bless you to make it to 2009, what are your plans? Did you make New Years resolution(s)? Whatever it is, are your plans centered around God's plans or are you trying to center God in your plans? Why wait until 2009, make your decision now? Make up your mind to do His will now! The devil will continue to deceive, therefore; you have to make up your mind who you will serve. **James 4:7-8** – NASB – tells us to "(7) Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Notice in **Matthew 4:1-11**, Jesus tells Satan three times, "it is written". He is emphasizing what His father said, or in other words, He was going strictly by the book! Start now and go through the year of 2009 "By the Book."

SCRIPTURE READING

JAMES 4:10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Wal Mart is not the only savings place.

