

MY FAVORITE VERSE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2023

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INSPECTION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who was with Jesus in the wilderness when the devil came to tempt Him?

Read Deuteronomy 8:1-3. What was the purpose of the testing in the wilderness?

What part of Psalm 91:11-12 did the devil omit in verse 6? What difference does it make?

According to verse 9, what is the devil's ultimate intention?

What three things did Jesus say in verse 10 are essential to living a God-focused life?

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What do we learn about the devil in verse 6? How should this impact our approach to Scripture?

What warning did Jesus give to the devil in verse 7? How do we test God today?

What does James 1:12-15 teach us about temptations?

How do we test God with our insincere choices in life? Does the devil make us sin?

What would you consider Jesus' greatest temptation in His life? Why?

LIFE APPLICATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Write out Psalm 91:1-16 three times this week.

Increase your time in prayer this new year.

Consider fasting something for 40 days.

Watch five sessions of the NEXTLEVEL Identity Series from the occ.edu website Next Level tab (or [watch on YouTube: fccsignups.info/Identity](https://www.fccsignups.info/Identity)).

Send a note of encouragement to someone going through a difficult time.

MEDITATION: WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

2 Timothy 3:14-16

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Psalm 19:7-8

Colossians 3:16

2 Peter 1:19

Romans 15:4

Hebrews 12:5-6

Psalm 1:1-3

SUPPLICATION: WHAT CAN WE MEDITATE?

For Grace

We ask not of You, O Father,
silver and gold,
honor and glory,
nor the pleasures of the world.
Grant us grace to seek Your Kingdom
and Your righteousness,
and give us what we need for body and life.

Behold, O Lord, our desire.
May it be pleasing in Your sight.
We present our petition to You through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is at Your right hand,
our Mediator and Advocate,
through whom You sought us that we might seek You;
Your Word, through whom You made us and all things;
Your only Son, through whom You call us to adoption,
who intercedes with You for us,
and in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;
to Him, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor, praise, and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)