

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#8 – “One on One: The Title Match Begins” – Luke 4:1-13

I. Introduction

A. Review

1. Jesus’ superior role to John.
2. Jesus baptized.
3. Jesus baptism will be internal while John’s was external.

B. Introduction to today’s message.

1. Boxing remains an international sport in spite of possible head injuries.
 - a. Note Pastor Don’s following of the sport as a young person.

C. Today’s text viewed in light of Genesis 3:15.

1. The first Adam failed. Now the second Adam must go one on one with Satan.
2. Jesus had the power to destroy him – I John 3:8.
3. Note lineage linked back to Adam.

II. Exposition

A. Luke 4:1-2

1. Jesus driven into the wilderness.
 - a. Mark 1:12
 - b. A barren region.
2. Devil – slanderer or accuser
3. Jesus would have been extremely weary after forty days with no food.
 - a. He was tempted the entire time.
 - b. The final three were all major assaults launched when He was weakest.

B. Luke 4:3-4

1. There is an element of truth.
2. Translation is better as “since” instead of “if”.
 - a. Note the question to Eve in Genesis 3:1.

3. Where is the proof that you are the Son of God?

- a. God had promised bread to the Israelites.

1. Psalm 37:25

2. Why the failure to supply bread for the Son of God?

4. Jesus’ will was to do the Father’s will.

- a. John 5:30; 6:38

5. Response from Scripture.

- a. Deuteronomy 8:3. Note also John 4:34

C. Luke 4:5-8

1. Satan’s goal – bypass God’s plan.
2. God had said of the Messiah – Psalm 2:8; Dan. 7:13-14
3. Satan did possess authority to give what he was offering
 - a. John 12:31
4. Satan always desired the worship – Isaiah 14:13-14
5. Jesus response – The Word – Deuteronomy 6:13.

D. Luke 4:9-12

1. Note contrast with Matthew’s placement of the event.
2. The pinnacle – probably southwest corner of the temple.
3. Satan quoted the Scripture – Psalm 91:11-12
 - a. Take the jump.
4. Jews expected the Messiah to do extraordinary things.
 - a. Philip Hughes.
5. Jesus’ response – also from the law: Deuteronomy 6:16

E. Luke 4:13

1. Opportune time.
2. He would be back – Luke 22:28; Matt. 13:27

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Why look for sustenance in anything else other than the Word of God?
- B. The beginning of the beginning of sin is a worship deficiency.
- C. Presumption is not faith.
- D. The opportune time is coming – temptation.