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## Deuteronomy 9:9 NIV

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When I went up on the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the LORD had made with you, I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water.





## 1 Kings 19:3-5 NIV

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3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."



## 1 Kings 19:6-8 NIV

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6 He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

7 The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.



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16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



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Job 1:7-8 NIV

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7 The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.”



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James 1:2-4 NIV

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2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



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James 1:13-15 NIV



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13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



# I. It Prepares Us For The Wilderness

1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

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No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.





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Genesis 3:1-3 NIV

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”



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Genesis 3:4-5 NIV

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4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



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Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV

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Psalm 91:11-12 NIV

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11 For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;

12 they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.





II. It Prepares Us  
To Deal With The Evil One  
Deuteronomy 6:16 NIV

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Do not put the LORD  
your God to the test as  
you did at Massah.



II. It Prepares Us  
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Deuteronomy 6:13 NIV

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Fear the LORD your God,  
serve him only and take  
your oaths in his name.



## II. It Prepares Us To Deal With The Evil One

Hebrews 2:16-18 NIV

16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



II. It Prepares Us  
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1 John 4:4 NIV

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You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.



III. It Prepares Us  
To Resist The Evil One

Matthew 4:11 NIV

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### III. It Prepares Us To Resist The Evil One

James 4:7 NIV

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Submit yourselves, then,  
to God. Resist the devil,  
and he will flee from you.



## III. It Prepares Us To Resist The Evil One

Luke 4:13 NIV

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When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.



### III. It Prepares Us To Resist The Evil One

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

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But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.