

Matthew 4:1-11

# "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Satan's argument:

A bread alone diet will do you just fine! Gen. 3:1-6; John 13:2; Mat. 26:14-15: Mat. 4:3

Our challenge:

Bread sure does taste good! Amos 6:1-6; Luke 12:13-21

Disaster: Gorging on the physical to the neglect of the spiritual.

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Do your own thing! Psa. 91:1-16

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#### John's answer:

#### Obey the Lord!

1 Jn. 2:3-4 – Relationship based on obedience.

1 Jn. 3:23-24 - Belief and love based on obedience.

1 Jn. 5:3 – Love = Keep His commandments

1 John 3:22 – "Because we keep His commandments."

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#### The question:

Will God give us what we desire, even though we do not give Him what he desires?

Mal. 3:10-12

God's blessings are for the faithful.

## "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve."

Satan's argument:

We can share ourselves between God and the world.

James' answer – Jas. 4:1-5:

God will not allow it.

Vs. 5; Exo. 20:5 – Does God mean it? The world will not allow it.

Rom. 1:18-32; Gen. 6:1-7; 2 Sam. 11:1-27



1 Pet. 5:8 – The devil is roaming! Jas. 4:7 – Resist, and he will flee!