

“Hid in My Heart (2): Showdown in the Desert”

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☐ **Matthew 24:24**—Jesus predicted a massive global storm of _____ so powerful and persuasive that it would, “if it were possible,” deceive the very _____—God’s closest friends on earth.

- ◆ *The Great Controversy*: “The ‘time of trouble, such as never was,’ is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every _____ must stand for himself before _____.” (622)
- ◆ “None but those who have fortified the _____ with the truths of the _____ will stand through the last great conflict.” (GC 593)
- ◆ Want to know how to stand through the final storm?

☐ **Matthew 4:1-11**

- ◆ *And guess who always shows up when you’re at your _____ weakest and worst?*
- ◆ Three furious assaults against Him in that desert showdown, and for all three, Jesus has one reply: “It is _____.”
- ◆ Matthew 4:4—“It is written [in Deuteronomy 8:3], Man shall not live by _____ alone, but by every _____ that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
- ◆ *Desire of Ages*: “The child Jesus did not receive instruction in the synagogue schools. His mother was His first human teacher. From her lips and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of heavenly things. . . . Since He gained knowledge as we may do, His intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures shows how diligently His early years were given to the study of God’s word.” (70)
- ◆ The strategic point: In the heat of spiritual battle and in the face of a nearly overpowering temptation, Jesus seizes a solitary strategy—He quotes _____ Scripture.
- ◆ Or to put it another way: “Thy word have I _____ in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11

☐ More important than _____ for the body is the _____ for the believer.

◆ How often God refers to His Word as food!

- Jeremiah 15:16—“Thy words were found, and I did ____ them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart.”
- Job 23:12 NIV—“I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily _____.”
- Psalm 119:103—“How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than _____ to my mouth.”
- (See also Ezekiel 3:3 and Revelation 10:9)
- Like food, like bread, like honey—God declares: _____ on My Word.

◆ Three ways to eat the Bread:

- #1—S_____ the Bread
 - In the Bible it’s called m_____ on the Word.
 - Psalm 119:148
 - Get up early
 - Take one passage
 - Reread to relive to remember
 - Ask God to apply that “lesson” to your life that day
- #2—S_____ the Bread
 - In the Bible it’s called m_____ the Word.
 - Psalm 119:11
- #3—asS_____ the Bread
 - In the Bible it’s called m_____ the Word.
 - Psalm 119:101
 - If you read the Word but do not _____ the Word, it will be absolutely worthless to you.

☐ Don’t miss Rich Constantinescu—“How to Memorize God’s Word”—this Wednesday (7 p.m.) @ House of Prayer

PLEASE MEMORIZE: MATTHEW 4:4

deception, elect, soul, God, mind, Bible, physical, written, bread, word, memorized, hid, bread, Bible, eat, bread, honey, Feast, -avor, -editating, -tore, -emorizing, -imilate, -inding, heed