

D'varim and Deliverance in Luke 4

[\(Luke 4; Va'etchanan \(D'varim/Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11\) B"H 5783](#)

The Word of God provides for our deliverance from ha-satan's attacks. Today, we look at how our Savior used Scripture during the wilderness temptation in Luke 4 to cause the enemy to flee!

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The enemy's limited tactics: he waits for us to be weak

Have you ever noticed that the enemy of our souls preys upon us in our **weak** moments?

David certainly knew it:

["For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life to the ground;
He has made me dwell in darkness,
Like those who have long been dead.
Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
My heart within me is distressed."](#) Psalm 143:3-4, NKJV

When we are at our best, fully confident of our place as children of the Most High God because of what our Savior and

Messiah Jesus (*Yeshua*) has done for us and we are walking in the anointing of the Holy Spirit (*Ruach haKodesh*) – it is much more difficult for *ha-satan* (satan) to attack. When we are physically healthy and strong, it is also more difficult for the enemy to attack because our alertness is at a peak – we are prayed-up and fighting off those enemy darts!

So why does the devil have difficulty attacking?

The devil is limited!

Unlike *ADONAI Tzva'ot* (the LORD of Hosts),

the devil is

not omnipotent

not omnipresent

not omniscient.

Like any mediocre warrior, the devil waits for **you** to feel weak, and then he strikes.

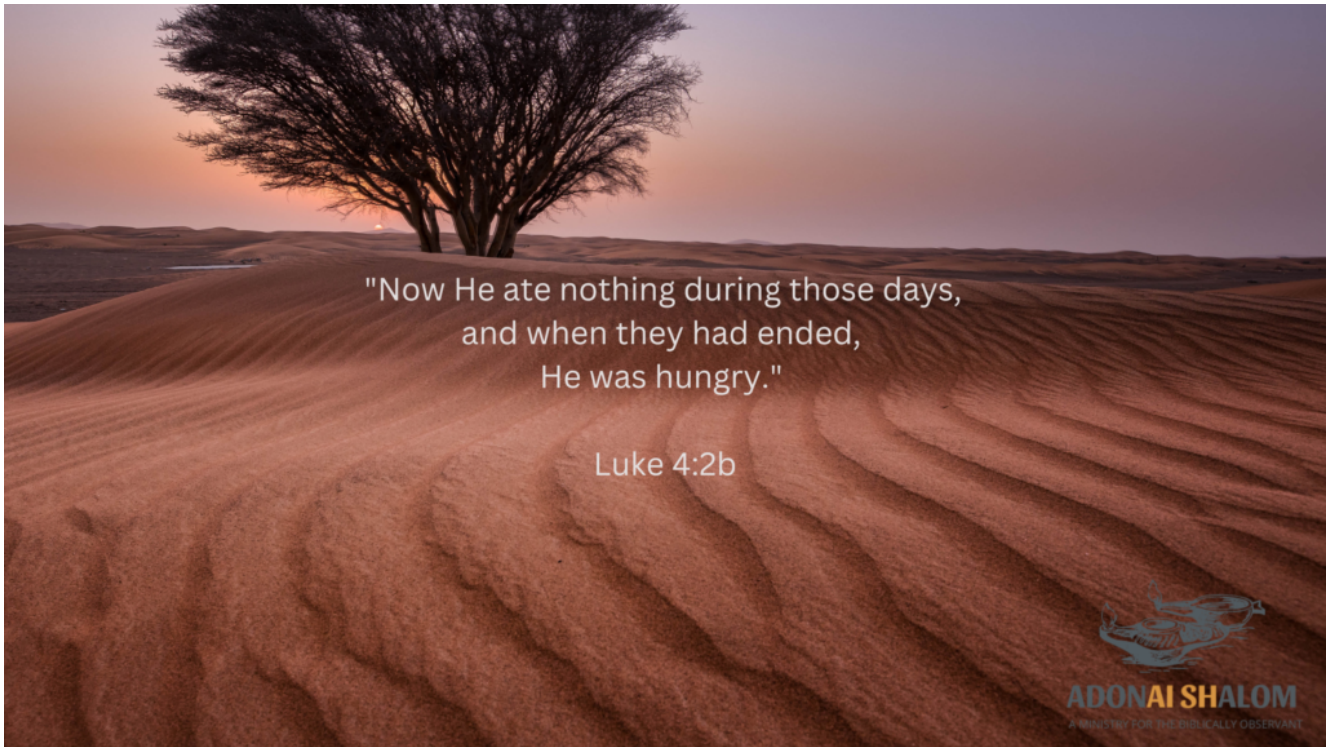
Trials, tests, and temptation: augmented when hungry!

It was no different when our Savior walked the earth.

Yeshua (Jesus) was led by the Holy Spirit (*Ruach haKodesh*) into the desert wilderness for forty days.

Notice that [Luke, a trained physician](#), mentions the physical hunger that Yeshua (Jesus) was experiencing:

[“Now He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry.” Luke 4:2b](#)



Our LORD Yeshua (Jesus), fully-God, fully-man was experiencing true physical hunger.

*How do you feel when **you** are hungry?*

It often depends on the day or the circumstances, but I observe that hunger can cause all sorts of issues:

tiredness

irritability

inability to think clearly without distraction

generalized weakness

Symptoms of hunger can make a person susceptible to giving into temptation.

Have you ever promised you would fast, and the first thing that happens when you begin is someone offers you the most decadent dessert or invites you out to eat?

Or maybe something less spiritual.

Maybe you simply want to keep a diet.

You commit to eating your salad greens and limiting your consumption of deep-fried deliciousness, but as soon as you get out of your car when you are heading to work or school you smell the most wonderful scent of fried chicken or some other fast food you love.

The devil knows this. As soon as Yeshua (Jesus) had completed his forty day fast in the wilderness, *hasatan* jumped at the opportunity to tempt *Ben-Elohim*, the Son of God.

How our LORD responded to temptation using D'varim

Attack/Temptation #1

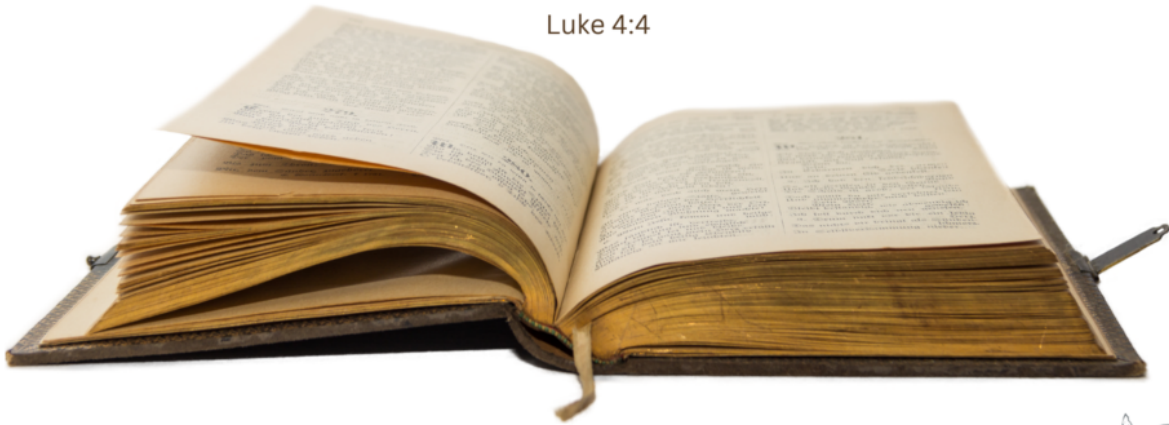
["And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Luke 4:3](#)

Our LORD Yeshua (Jesus) responded using His knowledge of *Torah* (Pentateuch) and more precisely, the book of "*D'varim*," which translates as the book of "Words." (We know it as "Deuteronomy"):

["But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' " Luke 4:4](#)

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Luke 4:4



The LORD Yeshua (Jesus) quoted the Words:

"So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that **man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.**" *D'varim/Deuteronomy 8:3, emphasis added*

Attack/Temptation #2

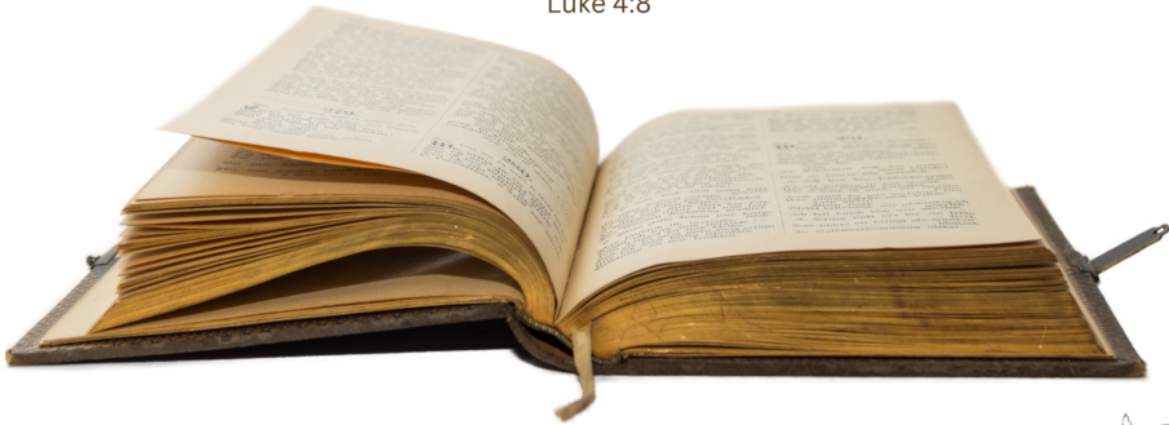
"Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." Luke 4:5-7

How did our Wise and Holy Savior Yeshua (Jesus) respond? Again with a passage from *Torah*, specifically Deuteronomy:

"And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, '**You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.**' " Luke 4:8, *emphasis added*

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But notice here: **before quoting Scripture this time, our Messiah addressed the devil directly, ordering him to "Get thee behind."**

This is important for us today because the devil continues to be a bother.

The devil's attacks are vicious and he looks for whom he may devour:

["Stay alert! Watch out! Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, searching for someone to devour." Luke 4:8, TLV](#)



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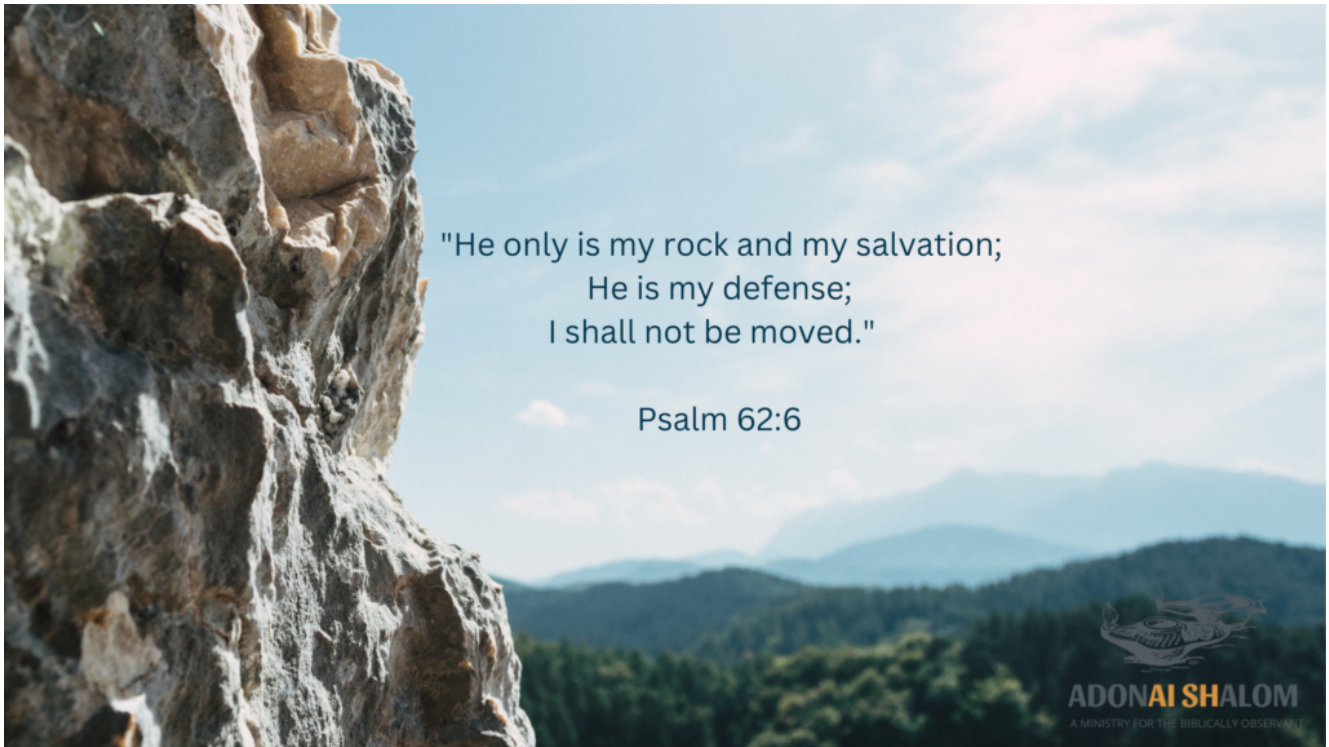
It is critical to put on the armor of God!

Keep it shined up and ready for battle, not rusting away in a closet somewhere!

["Put on the full armor of God, so that you are able to stand against the schemes of the devil." Ephesians 6:11](#)

Deliverance is dependent upon confessing trust in the Liberator – the God of Israel and His Son Yeshua (Jesus) – and upon knowing the Word and how to use it! Remember, the LORD is your defense and He has provided His Incarnate Word to lead us to victory.

["He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defense;
I shall not be moved." Psalm 62:6](#)



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Another point of note: during the second temptation, *hasatan* adds pressure to his demand by citing his own (limited) authority. This tactic is further augmented in the third temptation as we will see.

Attack/Temptation #3

["Then he brought Yeshua to Jerusalem and placed Him on the highest point of the Temple. He said to Him, 'If You are *Ben-Elohim*, throw Yourself down from here.'](#)" Luke 4:9

If you noticed that the devil cited his own authority in the second temptation, notice that in the third temptation he goes so far as to cite the *LORD's* own authority by using Scripture, specifically [Psalm 91](#):

["For it is written:](#)

['He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you,' and,](#)

['In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'](#) " Luke 4:10-11

The devil is desperate!

Surely, the devil doesn't appreciate Scripture because he knows his future is sealed.

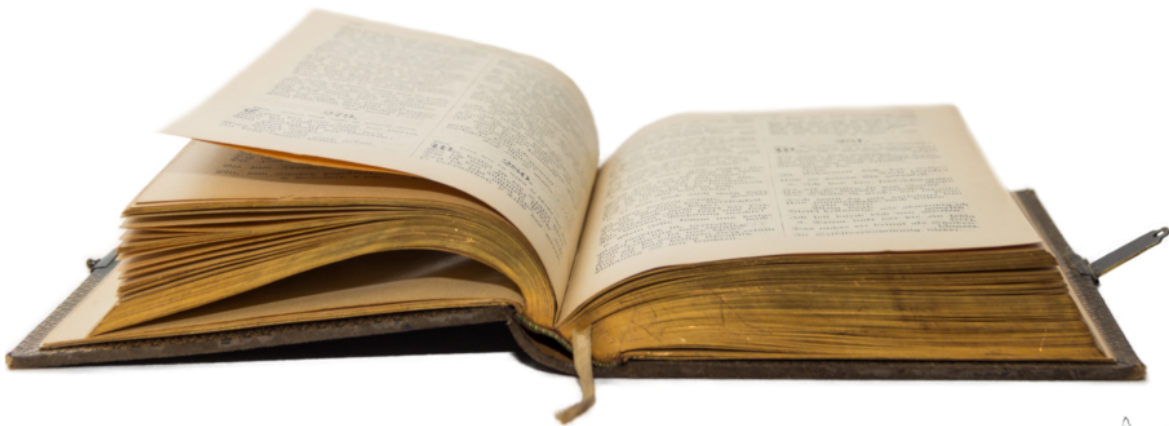
Yet *hasatan* (satan) will do absolutely anything and everything just for the chance to make a person fall into sin and destruction, and ultimately death.

The LORD again cites [D'varim. Deuteronomy 6:16](#):

["And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' " Luke 4:12](#)

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You shall not tempt the LORD your God.

Yeshua (Jesus) is reaffirming that the LORD is God and that even the devil must acknowledge that Truth.

The devil was left speechless

Do you notice that after each Scriptural response, the devil had no comeback?

That ugly serpent couldn't come up with a suitable

counterargument.

So he left. Only for the time being, but the point is – the devil had to flee because he is put to shame by the power of the Word of God.

So be sure to study the Word for yourself!

Here is a wonderful song that can help you memorize [Psalm 62](#):

When the devil wants to come against you, stand firm on the Truth of Scripture and he will have to leave you alone.

Let us look to our Almighty Savior for the best example of what to do when the devil wants to confuse us or twist Scripture for his own benefit. Know the Word for yourself and stand firm in your faith!