

*"And when the tempter came to Him, he said, 'If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.' But He answered and said, 'It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3-4 KJV*



There's nothing quite like the smell of fresh-baked bread and the taste of butter melting in its folds as you savor its warm salty sweetness! "Heavenly," would be an apt description. Hunger has a way of enhancing all the pleasant attributes of food. After fasting forty days, I expect you would be nothing short of ravenous. The Word of God tells us that Jesus was *"in all points tempted like as we, yet without sin."* He was just as hungry as you or I would have been after a forty day fast. The Tempter tried several approaches to tempt Him to sin, but He did not. He simply replied. *"It is written."* In other words, "God Word already covered this." We should esteem the Word of God *"more than our necessary meat."* If given the choice, we should choose God's Word over food. Jesus didn't come up with any new thing to resist Satan. God's Word is a fountain of supply for any occasion. We are told to *"meditate therein, day and night."* Hunger is a powerful lust, and it takes powerful force to overcome it. If we neglect God's Word, we will succumb to the Tempter every time. We are told to *"flee"* temptation, not resist it. James gave the formula for avoiding the Tempter's pitfalls. *"Submit... to God,"* then *"Resist the Devil."* Satan's had millennia to perfect his craft. You can't resist Satan unless you are clinging to the Master's hand, or you'll be a "goner" every time. If we cling to the Father's hand, Satan will give us wide berth. He has no desire to tangle with the Almighty who walks beside us. He is painfully aware of the consequences. He has already been cast down to earth, because of his pride and ambition, and he knows God is Sovereign. He hates us because God loves us. He is insidiously crafty in our destruction. He is a master at befriending and pretending. He'll use your closest companion to tempt you away, and destroy you both. "Everybody's doing it!" How often has that phrase engineered someone's demise? Mom warned me, "They say' is the biggest liar in the world! If everyone is doing it, then it's probably wrong." She spent every morning on her knees alone in her room with her Bible open. She's now with Her Lord, but her tear stains are still on her Bible. Mom was close to God and her wisdom was not a coincidence.

The Lord needs only once to write,  
He changes not, is always right,  
His Word more durable than stone,  
Will be enough to see us Home! ~CGP

Are you tired of second guessing life? All the answers you'll ever need are already *"written!"*

*"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, 'The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?' But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, 'God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.' Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:4-8 KJV*