

Understanding the WORDS of JESUS

John 6:63b

PSALM 42
1 As the dove seeks her fountain, and as the hart desires the water brook, so my soul desires thee, O God.
2 My soul thirsts for thee, O God, my soul thirsts for thee, because thy house is my habitation, and my heart desires thee, because thy commandments are my delight.
3 My soul thirsts for thee, O God, because thy waters are sweet, and thy fountain is overflowing with thee.
4 My soul thirsts for thee, O God, because thou hast said, My heart shall not be comforted, until I come into thy sanctuary.
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PSALM 43
1 God, my strength and my stronghold, O God, my rock, my refuge, my stronghold, O God, my strength and my stronghold.
2 My heart is vexed, my soul is troubled, because of the voice of the enemy.
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PSALM 44
1 We have trusted in our strength, O God, our strength, our strength, O God, our strength, our strength.
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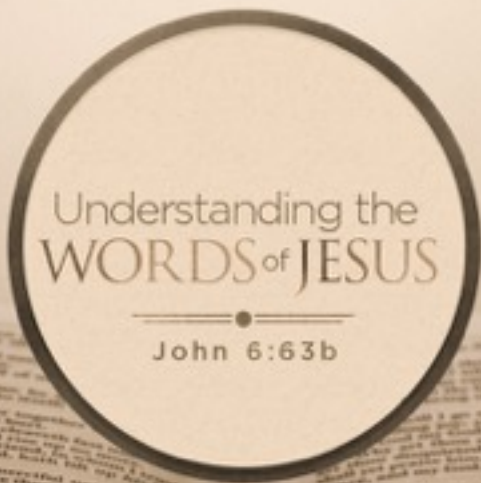
PSALM 45
1 My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready.
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JESUS AT THIRTY—BAPTIZED BY JOHN

Age 30 *Judea: Jordan.*

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11

Luke 3:22-23



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Matthew 3:1-17

1 In those days came John the Baptist,
preaching in the wilderness of
Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

**5 Then went out to him Jerusalem,
and all Judaea, and all the region
round about Jordan,
6 And were baptized of him in Jordan,
confessing their sins.**

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that Yahweh is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and *with* fire:

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 Then cometh Yahshua from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Yahshua answering said unto him, **Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him.

16 And Yahshua, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of Yahweh descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

Mark 1:1-11

1 The beginning of the good news of Yahshua Messiah, the Son of Elohim;

**2 As it is written in the prophets,
Behold, I send my messenger before
thy face, which shall prepare thy way
before thee.**

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

7 And preached saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Yahshua came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, **Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

Luke 3:21-23

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Yahshua also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, **Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.**

23 And Yahshua himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

Matthew 3:15

Suffer [it to be so] now. The term

"now" implies that the relation of YAHSHUA to his work made it proper that now he should be baptized. It is true that baptism was for sinners;

YAHSHUA was sinless; but he humbled himself, accepted the burden of human duties, and must set a perfect example to men.

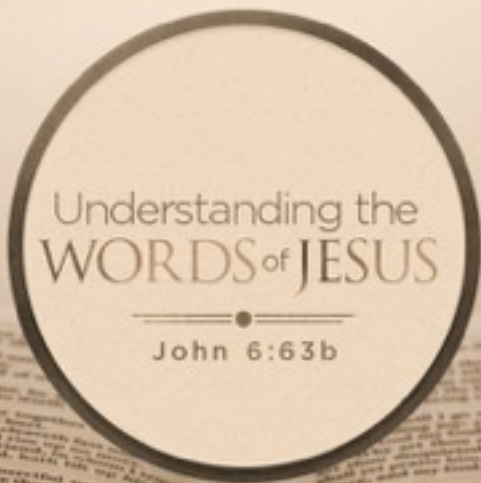
He obeyed the ELOHIM'S law, and it was needful also that he obey the Divine rite that John had inaugurated. Thus it becometh us. In order to fulfill all righteousness, show forth a perfect obedience, set a perfect example, it became him to submit to the institution of baptism, and it became John to administer it to him. "Us" refers to YAHSHUA and John.

CHRIST'S LONG FAST IN THE WILDERNESS—SATAN'S FUTILE WILES

Age 30. *Judea.*

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13

Luke 4:1-13



Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then was Yahshua led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of Yahweh, command that these stones be made bread.

4 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 Yahweh.**

Deuteronomy 8:3

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; **that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahweh doth man live.**

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of Yahweh, cast thyself down: for it is written, **He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.**

7 Yahshua said unto him, **It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt Yahweh thy Elohim.**

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Deuteronomy 6:16

Ye shall not tempt Yahweh your
Elohim, as ye tempted *him* in
Massah.

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Yahshua unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship Yahweh thy Elohim, and him only shalt thou serve.**

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Deuteronomy 6:13

Thou shalt fear Yahweh thy Elohim,
and serve him, and shalt swear by
his name.

Mark 1:12-13

12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Luke 4:1-13

1 And Yahshua being full of the Holy Spirit returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing : and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of Yahweh, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Yahshua answered him, saying, **It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of Yahweh.**

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me,
all shall be thine.

8 And Yahshua answered and said unto
him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it
is written, Thou shalt worship Yahweh
thy Elohim, and him only shalt thou
serve.**

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem,
and set him on a pinnacle of the
temple, and said unto him, If thou be
the Son of Yahweh, cast thyself down
from hence:

10 For it is written, He shall give his
angels charge over thee, to keep
thee:

11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Yahshua answering said unto him, *It is said, THOU SHALT NOT TEMPT YAHWEH THY ELOHIM.*

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Psalms 91:11-12

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:1-11

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In order to save the world, Yahshua Messiah must succeed where both Adam - and Israel - failed. The spirit of Elohim led Yahshua into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights (Matt 4:2) in order for Him to go through what Israel had experienced in the wilderness throughout 40 years.

Deuteronomy 8:1-8

1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Yahweh swore unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which Yahweh thy Elohim led thee these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart,** whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no.

3 **And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahweh doth man live.**

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so Yahweh thy Elohim chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of Yahweh thy Elohim, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Yahshua quoted from Deuteronomy 8 in order to point to the similarity between His experience and Israel's. Israel failed. **Yahshua, in taking Israel's place, succeeded.**

Also, the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden on which the whole human race was plunged into sin, was concerning **appetite**. Thus, **Yahshua had to win the human race back by succeeding where Adam - and Israel - had failed.**

The sin of appetite was much more than Adam and Eve just being hungry. Satan had tempted them to doubt Elohim's word. Elohim had told Adam and Eve that if they ate from the forbidden tree, they would die. But Satan contradicted Elohim.

*...the wicked shall be destroyed
...but the salvation of the righteous is of
...their strength in the time of trouble.
...And the Lord shall help them, and de-
...he shall deliver them from the wi-
...them, because they trust in hi*

Genesis 3:4

And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

Satan had also tempted them to believe that they could become their own elohim.

Genesis 3:5

For Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as mighty ones,** knowing good and evil.

After escaping the bondage of Egypt, the Israelites refused to trust Yahweh for their daily bread.

In the wilderness, Satan was tempting Yahshua to take care of His own needs, to provide His own food miraculously because He was hungry rather than allowing Elohim to supply Messiah's needs in Elohim's own time and in Elohim's own way. Satan was tempting Messiah to doubt His Father's sufficiency just like Adam - and the Israelites - doubted Yahweh's sufficiency.

The sin of lust is defined as wanting what you want when you want it.

Yahshua had not eaten in forty days and, naturally, He was very hungry.

The temptation was one of lust.

Satan tempted Yahshua to get what

He wanted when He wanted it - rather than waiting for His Father to give Him food. **(When the time was**

right, Elohim sent the angels to feed Yahshua.)

Lust means you can't wait. Lust is immaturity.

Lust is not always, or even necessarily, sexual. Lust includes a drive for fame or fortune to the exclusion of the more important aspects of life, **like seeking first the Kingdom of Elohim.** Lust includes living beyond one's means, wanting what you want when you can't afford it.

Lust means wanting to live your own way rather than trusting Yahweh - and living Elohim's way, accepting that Elohim's way is better even when you don't understand the goal Yahweh has in mind.

In the First Temptation, Satan was tempting Yahshua to, 1) doubt He was the Son of God, 2) to distrust His Father's promise to "supply all His needs," 3) to lust for something that He wanted before Yahweh was willing to give it to Him and in doing so, to become His own "elohim."

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Adam and Eve - and the Israelites -
failed on the needs of life's
necessities, specifically appetite.

Yahshua succeeded where they
failed. And He made very clear that
spiritual food - **devouring Yahweh's
Word** - is just as important to life as
is physical food

Matthew 4:5-7

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

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Again, Satan attempts to put doubt in the heart of Yahshua that He really is the son of Yahweh.

Secondly, this temptation is one of trying to control and manipulate Yahweh. Satan tempted Yahshua to jump in order to *force* Elohim into protecting Him. Yahshua would put Himself in unnecessary danger to manipulate Elohim into saving Him from destruction.

The Bible tells us that Yahweh is sovereign, Yahweh is in charge - and we are not. We cannot manipulate or control Yahweh. Yahweh controls us.

Ephesians 1:1-12

1 Paul, an apostle of Yahshua
Messiah by the **will of Yahweh**, to
the saints which are at Ephesus, and
to the faithful in Messiah Yahshua:
2 Grace be to you, and peace, from
Yahweh our Father, and from the
Master Yahshua Messiah.

3 **Blessed be the El and Father** of our Master Yahshua Messiah, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Messiah:

4 According as **He** hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before **Him** in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Yahshua Messiah to **Himself**, according to the good pleasure of **His will**,
6 To the praise of the glory of **His grace**, wherein **He hath made us accepted** in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through **His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of **His grace**;

8 Wherein **He hath abounded toward us** in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of **His will**, according to **His good pleasure** which **He hath purposed in Himself**:

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times **He might gather together** in one all things in Messiah, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; **even in Him**:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of **Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will:**

12 That we should be to the praise of **His Glory,** who first trusted in Messiah.

Yahshua didn't have to jump to prove His trust in the Father; He demonstrated it by trusting in Elohim's word.

How many times do Christians test the Lord by saying, "Lord, if you do so and so for me, then I'll know that you love me."

Satan was seeking to disqualify Yahshua as the Messiah. Had Yahshua “put God to the test,” He would have sinned, thereby disqualifying Him to serve as the Messiah.

Satan was seeking to put doubt and unbelief into the mind of Yahshua. If He had jumped, He would reveal that He doubted Elohim and thus found it necessary to test Elohim’s love and care.

Satan was tempting Christ to try to manipulate Elohim - to save Yahshua unnecessarily - almost to perform a trick, or magic. **This is the sin of presumption.** Often Christians say about a particular problem, “Well, it’s in God’s hands” yet they have not spent the time and energy to do what needs to be done so the outcome will be appropriate.

presumption - when you believe that something is true without having any proof ([Cambridge Dictionaries Online](#))

presumptuous - A person who is presumptuous shows little respect for others by doing things they have no right to do ([Cambridge Dictionaries Online](#))

presumption - 1. the act of presuming; specif., a. an overstepping of proper bounds; forwardness; effrontery b. the taking of something for granted ([Webster's New World College Dictionary](#))