

/We will now begin the third lecture on the gospel of Matthew./The passage is Matthew chapter 4./The subject of chapter 4 is victory over temptation.

/First, Jesus is victorious over temptations./Verses 1-11./Second, Jesus preaches./Verses 12-25.

/Read verses 1-4./Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

/Jesus had fasted for 40 days./Jesus prayed first before beginning God's work./We must pray in order to be victorious over temptations./Satan tempted Jesus in three ways.

/In the first temptation, Satan told Jesus to turn rocks into bread./Matthew 1:12-13/Jesus was flesh and blood./He had a body just like us.

/However, He had no sin./Hebrews 4:15/Jesus had the same body as us./He was being tested./Jesus defeated Satan's temptation.

/That is why the Lord went out into the quiet desert and prayed./He took on God's power./He resisted the temptations./The desert is a quiet place./It is cold and lonely there.

/The desert is a wild place./There is no one to go to for help./Still, Jesus went there to pray./Satan said, "If you are the Son of God."/Jesus was tempted in His heart.

/Satan gave Jesus these thoughts in His heart./The first temptation is the temptation of materialism./It was about bread./It was a test of eating./Therefore it is the most basic temptation.

/At that time, Jesus defeated Satan through the Word of God./Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3./He said man does not live on bread alone./He was saying that our spirit comes alive through God's word./Our spirit lives through God's word.

/The most important thing is for our spirits to live./If our spirits live, then God causes our bodies to live as well./1 Timothy 5:6/The first thing is for our spirits to live./It doesn't matter if our bodies are alive but our spirits are dead./James 4:16.

/Here, it says by bread "alone."/ "Alone" means that we do not deny ourselves of bread completely./God knows we need food./However, we must not worship material things over God.

/We must not say that the spirit lives through the Word, and the body through bread./Matthew 6:24/We must not serve two masters./Both our spirits and bodies are sustained by God's word./God knows that we need food.

/If we hold on to God's word, then our spirits will live, and God will provide bread so that we can live in the body./If our spirits come alive through God's word, then God will cause our flesh to live as well./He will provide bread for our bodies so that we can live.

/If we hold on to the Word then the spirit and the body will live./Matthew 6:33-34/In the same way, Jesus defeated Satan through God's word./He defeated the second and third temptations through God's word as well./We too must win over temptations through God's word.

/Verses 5-6./Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:
"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

/In the second temptation, Satan told Jesus to jump down from the top of the temple./This temptation is about greatness and supernatural power./It is the temptation of fame.

/It is a religious temptation./It is temptation related to business./Luke 4:9/If Jesus jumps and does not die, then He will become famous./It is one way Jesus could gain popularity and fame.

/Then Jesus could do great things./This is an important test./Psalm 131:1/We must remain humble./We must not concern ourselves with people's recognition or approval./Satan used God's word in his temptation.

/Psalm 131 is not telling us to test God./It is not telling us to test whether God will save us or not.

/It means that when we obey God and danger approaches us,/God will send his angel to protect us./When we obey God and we come to face danger, God will send his angel to protect us.

/However, Satan used the Bible and told Jesus to jump and test God to see whether he would save Him or not.

/Jesus responded by saying "Thou shall not test the Lord your God."/To test someone is to not trust him./It is a sign that one doubts God's word.

/Verses 8-11./Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

/The third temptation is related to honor and glory./Luke 4:5-7/This is a test of what we see with our eyes./Jesus also passed this test with God's word./He said, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

/Satan said that if Jesus would bow down to him, Jesus would receive all the glory in the world./We must not compromise the Word of God./We must only worship God.

/We must only serve Jesus./Then Satan will flee./We must use the conscience our of faith./We must follow God's word./We must worship God only.

/Satan can only test as God allows./Satan cannot overstep the authority of God./The word "only" applies to God.

/We must only worship God./Then we will be victorious over Satan's temptations./This is the same as when Satan tempted Eve./The fruit looked delicious and it also looked good to the eyes./It looked good enough to make one wise.

/To say that it looked "delicious" shows that it was material temptation./It was temptation to the eyes./This is the same thing as showing the glory of the world./Next, it said, "good enough to make one wise."

/"Good enough to make one wise."/This is the test of selfishness./This temptation also appears in 1 John 2:16./There it names the temptation as the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

/There are temptations of the world, of lust, and selfish desires./Satan uses these to tempt people./Just as we use bait to catch fish, Satan uses lust to tempt people.

/Satan uses our greed to tempt us./He uses the temptations of the world, sexual lusts, and selfish desires./To turn rock into bread is the temptation of the world./To jump from the top of the temple is the temptation of self-gain.

/To be given the kingdoms of the world is the temptation of the flesh./Therefore, we must get rid of all these temptations./James 1:15/Greed gives birth to sin./When sin grows, it gives birth to death.

/Verses 12-14./When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

/Jesus' family moved from Nazareth to Capernaum./Isaiah 9:1-2

/Verses 15-16./"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

/It said that a light will dawn in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali./In the Old Testament period this area was inhabited by the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali of Israel./This is the area by the sea of Galilee.

/It is the northern part of Judah./Therefore, Gentiles went through the land often./And many Gentiles came to live in that land./Therefore, the land was mixed with different types of people.

/The Jews called everyone who lived in the northern area Gentiles./They called them people who live in the land of darkness./In that land was Capernaum./Jesus had moved to Capernaum.

/Therefore, a great light came upon Capernaum./A great light dawned on Zebulun and Naphtali./Jesus went and lived in their neighborhoods./Thus, the light of life shone in their midst.

/Their neighborhoods became beautiful./Death and darkness changed to life and glory./In the same way anyone who receives Jesus has death turned into life./Their darkness turns into glory.

/Neighborhoods are the same./Nations the same./When a neighborhood receives the gospel it becomes a good neighborhood./It becomes a blessed nation./A person becomes successful.

/Verse 17./From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

/Jesus preached about the kingdom of heaven./He introduced heaven./He began God's work of salvation./To participate in heaven, one must repent./One must repent, believe in Jesus, and receive God's salvation.

/Verses 18-20./As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

/John 1:35/John and Andrew were first the disciples of John the Baptist./John and Andrew./They were the first of John the Baptist's disciples./John 1:35/Then they became Jesus' disciples.

/These disciples were fishermen./That is when Jesus found them./He said to them, "Come follow me."/"I will make you fishers of men."/Then they left their nets and followed Jesus.

/A net is an important asset to fishermen./A boat is the same as a big business./However, they left their asset and business and followed Jesus./This is great faith./They left their fishing business.

/Verses 21-22./Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

/Here James and John are introduced./They were fishing with their father Zebedee./Jesus called James and John./Then James and John left their father and boat and followed Jesus.

/They left everything worldly and followed Jesus./They left material riches and family to follow Jesus./Abraham too left his home land, relatives, and father's house to obey God's command./We must not look back after beginning to plow.

/In the same way, the disciples of Jesus followed Him immediately when they were called./We must not hesitate in our faith./We must obey immediately./We must quickly follow Jesus.

/Here Peter and Andrew followed Jesus./Also, James and John followed Jesus./They left their boat, net, and father and followed Jesus./Likewise, we must follow Jesus regarding Him as the most important person in our lives.

/Verses 23-25./Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

/Jesus went through Galilee preaching the gospel./He preached the gospel of salvation./He healed a variety of sicknesses./However, healing diseases was not Jesus goal.

/Jesus first priority and goal was to heal the disease of the heart./He cures us of our diseased hearts caused by sin./Then as a symbol of the cure of the diseases of our hearts, He also cures us of our physical illnesses.

/That is why many people followed Jesus./Jesus looked upon the sick with compassion./He had mercy on those who were lost in sin.

/Jesus loved them and healed all kinds of diseases with the power of God./Isaiah 53:1-3/Isaiah 53:4

/We will continue with the fifth lecture of the gospel of Matthew./The subject of chapter 5 is the Beatitudes.

/First, the qualifications of the Beatitudes./Verses 1-12./Second, Christians are the salt and light of the world./Verses 13-16./Third, the fulfillment of the Law./Verses 17-20./Fourth, the five prohibitions./Verses 21-42.

/(1) Do not murder./Verses 21-26./ (2) Do not commit adultery./Verses 27-30./ (3) Do not divorce./ (4) Do not swear./Verses 33-37./ (5) Do not take revenge on your enemy./Verses 38-42.

/Fifth, be perfect for God is perfect./Verses 43-48.

/Read verse 1./Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

/Jesus went up a mountain and sat down./This place is called the Mount of Beatitudes./The Mount of Beatitudes is called Kun Hattin today./Kun Hattin./That is what is called./It was said to be located near Jerusalem.

/Jesus taught the Beatitudes./The world tells us of five types of blessings./First, long life./Second, wealth./Third, health./Strength./Fourth, virtue./This is to have morals./Having morals.

/Fifth, dying a good death./These are the five blessings the world teaches us./However, the blessings that the Bible teaches is different.

/Verses 2-3./and he began to teach them. He said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

/Here we have the first of the Beatitudes./The one poor in spirit is blessed./This person is humble before spiritual problems./His heart is tender./He is poor in heart.

/This person’s spirit is alive./His spirit is awake./He is active./He is a person with faith./James 2:17/We become lacking the more we live by the spirit.

/When we try to live out our faith we realize how inadequate we are./That is why we must continually go before God./Then we can receive more from God./Then the kingdom of heaven becomes ours.

/We come to possess the kingdom./We come to possess more of God’s kingdom./Of course when we enter heaven,/we will possess heaven’s property./Yet, the one whose heart is proud will face disaster./Luke 6:24-25

/One whose stomach is full/will never grow hungry./He will not go near God./This type of person will face disaster.

/Verse 4./Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

/Secondly, Jesus said that those who mourn are blessed./What kind of person mourns?/First, it is the one who mourns over one’s sins./It is he who is bitter over his sin.

/Second, he mourns because he could not obey God’s word, and he struggles to keep God’s laws./He mourns over the fact that righteousness is far from him./Third, he mourns because he fails to enter into a life of godliness.

/This type of person will be comforted by God./Through repentance his sins will be forgiven./Then he will be able to walk according to God’s word./He will obey the Word./His life will overflow with the comfort God gives.

/Verse 5./Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

/Jesus says the meek are blessed./The meek obey God’s word./They are guided and led by God./The meek do not do as they please./Doing what others tell you to do is not meekness.

/The meek person is the one who does what is right before God./The meek obey the leading and guidance of God only./They throw away their stubborn thoughts./They will inherit the earth.

/All creation will be at the disposal of his hands./1 Corinthians 3:21-22/All will be instruments for the meek./They will be used for the work of salvation.

/That is why they will inherit the earth./Also, people give their hearts to the meek./That is why people like humble people.

/Verse 6./Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

/Fourth, we must become those who hunger and thirst for righteousness./We must meditate on how we can walk in the righteous ways./We must do what is right./We must hold on to righteousness more dearly than life./2 Peter 3:14.

/Stephen lost his life for the sake of righteousness./Daniel was put into the lions' den for righteousness./In order to fulfill righteousness we too must lay down our lives./Then the Bible says we will be satisfied.

/We should be satisfied with righteousness./Then we will find true joy./Then we will find God's comfort./2 Corinthians 9:9.

/Verse 7./Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

/Fifth, the merciful will be blessed./The merciful have compassion on people./When we show mercy to others God will be merciful to us.

/If we are not merciful to others then God will not be merciful to us./James 2:13/We must forgive our brothers and sisters when they sin against us.

/We must have compassion on people./We must love them even when they fall short./Then God's greater mercy will surround us.

/Verse 8./Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

/Sixth, the pure in heart are blessed./The pure in heart forsake selfish gain./They do not follow after sinful desires./Rather they follow the purity of the Spirit.

/Therefore, their hearts continue to remain pure before the Lord./They are led by the Holy Spirit./They follow the Word of God./Then their hearts become cleaner and more pure.

/The pure in heart will see God./They will see God because their spirits are enlightened./They come to know God./They become holy as God is holy.

/Verse 9./Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

/Seventh, it says that peacemakers are blessed./First, we must make peace with God./Second, we must maintain peace in our hearts./Third, we must make peace with others.

/If we want to make peace with God we must forsake sin./Then we must make peace with all people./We must love even our enemies./We must also get along with unbelievers.

/This does not mean we must compromise with the truth./We must live in harmony with all people./We must not quarrel with one another./Also, we must bring about reconciliation in relationships between people.

/We can make peace by sharing the gospel./When we share the gospel with everyone we bring peace into their lives./Those who make peace will be called children of God.

/We become worthy to be called sons and daughters of God./We must not be those who stir up strife.

/Verses 10-12./Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

/Eighth, those who are persecuted for righteousness are blessed./When we strive to live righteously there will be persecutions./When we seek to follow Jesus, persecutions and rejections will follow.

/Still, we must rejoice even in persecutions./A dead tree must fall to the ground./A living tree must withstand all kinds of winds./In the same way, even though persecutions may come our way, we must walk on the road to life.

/We must rejoice in sharing in Christ’s sufferings./1 Peter 4:13-14/It is our glory to suffer trials./We are getting a taste of heaven./We must deny ourselves, pick up the cross and follow Jesus.

/We must think it normal to be cursed at and persecuted for the sake of Christ./The prophets before us suffered the same./When we are persecuted for the Lord our reward is great.

/It is our glory to be persecuted for the sake of Christ./There is a crown of righteousness./The Lord will reward us with eternal blessings./We will receive glorious rewards.

/Verse 13./“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

/We are already the salt of the world./Jesus does not say, “Become the salt.”/We are already the salt of the world./Salt is a necessary element for life./Likewise, believers are needed in the world.

/However, people do not consider salt to be valuable./They do not consider salt high in value./However, salt is absolutely necessary./We Christians are not looked upon highly in the world.

/Still salt is necessary./We Christians are absolutely necessary in the world./What is the characteristic of salt?/First, it enhances taste./Second, it prevents spoiling.

/Third, it heals and preserves life./Therefore, salt is very important./When salt dissolves we cannot see it./Still, it must dissolve in order to be salty./Likewise, we must sacrifice our lives.

/We must decrease and the Lord and His Word must increase./What happens when salt loses its taste?/This is like losing faith./We forsake God./We become trampled on by the world.

/In the same way if salt loses its taste, we fall from God's grace./We lose joy in reading God's Word./There is no joy in prayer./Therefore, we must sacrifice ourselves to make a difference in the world as the salt of the earth.

/Verses 14-16./"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

/Jesus did not tell us to become the light of the world./He said we are already the light./Christians have received the gospel./We have received Christ./We have received His word./Our spirits are alive.

/We have been given new life./Therefore we are the light./We must shine the light into the world./A city on a hill cannot be hidden./Likewise, we must shine the light in the darkness of the world.

/We must spread the gospel./Philippians 2:15-16/We must shine on every person./Here, some people put a lamp under a "bushel."/A "bushel" is a basket used for measuring wheat./If a lamp is put under a bushel the light cannot shine.

/What does the "bushel" symbolize?/It symbolizes temptations of the flesh./Selfishness./Jealousy./Idolatry./Cliques./Humanism./These are the "bushels."/We must get rid of these./Then the lamp can shine its light.

/Also, we must show our good deeds./These are the fruit of the light./Ephesians 5:9/People will glorify God when they see our good deeds./Jesus says the lamp is put on a lamp stand.

/The lamp stand symbolizes the believers' sacrificial lives, service, and humility./The light must shine from the lamp stand./It must shine the fruits of the "light."/We must bear the fruits of kindness, righteousness, and truth.

/The world is watching Christians./People in our neighborhoods are watching us./Therefore, we must walk in righteousness./Then unbelievers will see the light and like it.

/Then they will come to church/and become a new light and the light themselves./Therefore, we must be the salt of the earth./We must become the light of the world./

/This concludes the fourth lecture on the gospel of Matthew./Thank you.