

## A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

### HE DID NOT SIN

Hebrews 4:15 “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.”

Read Matthew 4:1-11 where Matthew records a great spiritual battle between Satan and Jesus. Matthew shares in this account three separate occasions when Satan tempted Jesus to sin. On each of those occasions, Jesus overcame Satan’s temptations. He refused all Satan offered Him! He remained faithful, obeying God rather than Satan or satisfying His own personal needs.

As true man, Jesus experienced in your behalf all the temptations that come your way. Where you submit to these temptations “He did not sin.” (Hebrews 4:15) Jesus’ dramatic death on Calvary’s cross was necessary to make payment for your sins. But, Jesus faithfully obeying all of God’s Laws was equally necessary for Him to save you.

If Jesus had sinned (Matthew 4:1-11) on any occasion, He too would have come under God’s condemnation of eternal death. He too would have needed one to save Him from God’s wrath. Jesus said to Satan there in the wilderness and after all of his temptations, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’” (Matthew 4:10) Jesus needed no savior! Instead, by virtue of God’s gift to you of faith in Jesus, your faith in Him applies His perfect obedience of God’s Law to your account with your Heavenly Father. His righteousness, holiness, sinlessness becomes your very own.

The Good News of Jesus’ perfect life in your behalf is not simply generic good news to you in your times of temptation. It is instead the “power of God for your salvation.” (Romans 1:16) It is His assurance Jesus, through His victory over Satan’s temptations, earned your victory over them as well. He kept God’s Law for You!

Prayer: I celebrate today, Dear Jesus, that through Your victory over Satan You have given me my victory over him also. Praise and thanks be to You, my precious Savior. Amen.

Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus, Bears the name above all names,  
Reigning Son of god, surpassing Other titles, pow'rs and claims—  
Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, Let us hold our witness fast!

Since we have a priest who suffered, Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,  
Who like us was tried and tempted, Unlike us, without a stain—  
Since He shared our lowly place, Let us boldly seek His grace.

Sacrifice and suff'ring over, Now He sits at God's right hand,  
Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, His preeminence long-planned;  
Such a great High Priest we have, Strong to help, supreme to save.

Love's example, hope's attraction, Faith's beginning and its end,  
Pioneer of or salvation, Mighty advocate and friend;  
Jesus, high in glory raised, Our ascended Lord be praised!  
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