

# Jesus' Second Temptation

Handout #4

*Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, 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.'* (Matt. 4:5–6; KJV)

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## I. Introduction

1. The History
2. The Observations

## II. The History

1. What Satan Did: *"Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple."*
  - 1.1. The ground which the Devil chose for the conflict
  - 1.2. How the Devil got him there
2. What Satan Said: *"If thou be the Son of God, 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.'"*
  - 2.1. The temptation itself
  - 2.2. The reason alleged
3. The Soreness of the Temptation
  - 3.1. The change of place
  - 3.2. The change of temptations
  - 3.3. The temptation was the more strong

**III. Observations**

1. That the First Temptation Being Rejected by Christ, Satan Maketh a New Assault
  
2. God May Give Satan Some Power Over the Body of One Whom He Loveth Dearly
  - 2.1. By transportation
  
  - 2.2. In possessions
  
  - 2.3. In diseases
  
  - Application:
    - 2.4. A word of patience
  
    - 2.5. A word of comfort
  
    - 2.6. A word of caution
  
3. If Satan Lead Us Up, it is to Throw Us Down
  
4. This Temptation is Contrary to the First
  
5. That the Devil Himself May Pretend Scripture to Put a Varnish on His Evil Designs
  - 5.1. Do Not be Frightened with the Mere Noise of Scripture
  
  - 5.2. Let Non Vilify the Scriptures
  
6. God Hath Given His Angels a Special Charge About His People
  - 6.1. That it is so
  
  - 6.2. Why it is so
    - 6.2.1. To manifest the great love and care which God hath over his people
  
    - 6.2.2. We understand the operation of finite agents better than infinite
  
    - 6.2.3. To counterwork the devil
  
    - 6.2.4. To begin our acquaintance, which in heaven shall be perfected

6.3. Uses

6.3.1. To show the happy state of God's people

6.3.2. It should breed some confidence and comfort in Christians in their sore straits and difficulties, when all visible help seemeth to be cut off

6.3.3. Take heed how we carry ourselves